

# HARWOOD DIARIES

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BENNINGTON, VERMONT















MAY 7 BENNINGTON, VT. Cold, high wind from N. - more mild  
P.M. Snow was seen on the mountains. Furrowed field  
for planting corn - Hopkins rode horse. Gr'd previously rolled by Sylvanus who also plowed, rolled or harrowed, I rolled potatoe gr'd in the orch'd. Father busied himself in preparing stakes for fence & other such empl't. Mary A. Waters rec'd a medical visit from Dr Bigelow. Fr'd Chatfield had fun in milking cows confined in pens. Miss Caroline Stone paid us a visit

SATURDAY, MAY 8 Cold - wind N. signs of storm were particularly noticed. Four acres planted with corn & 2 calves deaconed, which brought up our number of cows to 27. Friend Seaton during P.M. planted corn for me while I was gone to Mr Sharp's at the house formerly owned by Alfred Ovait, Pownal, to wait upon young Laura S. aged 15, who he had engaged to work for his lady awhile. The old lady appeared to be feeble of consumption habit, very sociable, related to me some account of her experience in sickness both in her own person & that of her daughter with her, 29 yrs of age - Mr S. was 56. They appeared to be free from the trouble of having many of this world's treasure's to look after. Could go no further than Palmer Mattison's with my waggon - here called & rec'd some articles of furniture for Seton - M. married S's wife's sister - bed ridden also - residing in widow Merchant's tenant house 1/2 a mile E. of the Dimmick road - Made a safe arrival after sunset with my prize. On my way thither & on my return called at L. Jewett's - They had commenced making cheese - Aunt Eunice complained of the ill condition of her cows several of which were so low in flesh as to make it necessary for her to nurse them most tenderly in order to get them wintered through. Rec'd a note against Levi for his school rate including that of Mr Cummings - due one day from date, to A. Mc Kee or order - \$4.17 - In crossing out the names of Jewett & Co on the Bill committed a mistake & crossed those of Fenton & Searls who had neither paid nor given notes which circumstance is entered on the back of the School Bill, that it may appear fairly - free from any suspicious trick. Talked of driving sheep in co. with L. to Monroe, Ms. Dr Wolfe, family & effects entered Parson's house as a resident

MAY 9 SUNDAY BENNINGTON Clear & cold - a pretty stout frost follow'd. Such a variety of calls attended me as to prevent in a great measure that indulgence in reading & writing which I so well relish. Sylvanus went to Pownal. Ret'd with the balance 17" due from Mr Buck for buckwheat - Got nothing of E. Carpenter tow'd school rate - hard circumstance too that a man of his cloth should neglect paying so light a bill - only \$2.02" Father attended service at Mr C's church as usual. Martin S. Norton was published to Miss M.A. Sears, his intended 2d bride. Diadamia was also at meeting. Cous. N.L. Robinson came down on a short visit - spoke discouragingly of his sister Polly - did not think she would continue many mother. Cousin Ben Sears transacted business with me in H. Waters' name. Cous. Ira B. Dewey paid us a friendly visit.

MONDAY, MAY 10 Another cold day - Stiff N. wind. Furrowed ground for potatoes, nearly finished it (for) both ways - a part of the potatoes were planted. Reuben Kent rode horse for me & afterwards got the horse shod for going to Troy - perhaps he was employed 3/4th of the day. T. Kent worked for us all day - Sylvanus prepared for Troy. Mr P, was in "Hot Water" on account of his family not arriving from Hoosick. Mr Ball executed horseshoeing for us this day.



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FRIDAY, MAY 11 Cool winds-signs of rain. Sylvanus started pretty early for Troy with oxen & horse. Continued planting potatoes in N. orchard. Hiel Parsons arrived from Hoosick with our sister Ruth & 3 of the small children - the latter tarried all night with us. Mr Getty & family entered as tenants in S.H. Brown's Mansion House on Thursday last - Managed the Fay farm for the pres't season - Mr G. Robinson calculated on the occupancy of the old Moseley place one year longer.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 Roaring winds, some little rainy, cool - expected storm. Made an end of planting potatoes for the season. Shaved off an old beard of several days growth. Capt M. S. Norton's wedding was solenized in due order this eve. - knot handsomely & expeditiously tied by Mr Baldwin. Baptist Minister in E. Village. Diadamia, M.A. Waters & Adeline were waited upon from this quarter by cous. Henry Robinson.

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BENNINGTON, THURSDAY, May 13 1830 Chilly and in some degree rainy. Spent time chiefly in assisting & doing things belonging to the Dairy line, the most important and slowest of execution of any part of which was making a tub bench on which to place the gr't cheese tub. Father got out grist of corn. Sylvanus arrived from Troy with 15½ hund. plast., 2 bbls flour, 4 bbls coarse salt & upwards \$12. in money rec'd pr Arnold for C.B'y which was sold March 31st at N. York rating a little over 146 g's at 27" pr g. amt'g to \$39.49" from which deduct charges, leaving to us \$37.99" - Price of flour \$4.87½ - Plast. \$8 - Salt 4/3 Y'k - See Day B'k p. 72. Silas Watson & our young Irishman were in anxious vexation about procuring a team to carry Mrs Cheeseman & family to Hoosick or more properly Petersburg Kitchen - Mr Brown having ordered them to clear his house before tomorrow night.

FRIDAY, MAY 14 Rained considerably during A.M. - very warm about noon - there were showers off N.W. P.M., rained slightly here - cleared up cool at night. At home a part of the Litt. Mead. was fenced out for hogs - T. Kent assisted some in making the fence - Sylvanus ploughed his garden for him afterwards. After looking to a variety of minor concerns at home, drove to mill with grist of corn & provender - continued advancing up to cous. Stephen Harwood's where found Levi Jewett (having) getting a milk pail finished off - waited until that was compleated and then got him to make me a fine cheese hoop & follower - 17 inches diameter & 8 high - furnished my own band iron - of which Sylvanus Bro't 11½ lbs for 96 c's - very handsome quality. Dined at our cousin's. Late P.M. returned homeward. Bro't cous. Eldad Dewey up into the Meetinghouse St - talked with him about having the use of a minister among the cows during the pres't season - said it belonged to his mother - would say something on the subject to her. At DrS's store found our sist. Diadamia trading for dry goods - bill am'td to \$8.57 exclusive of 1 lb tea for 58". Cous. S. Harw'd ch'gd 50" for hoop.

SATURDAY, MAY 15 Cold - dry N. wind. We commenced on L. Norton's line & sowed ab't 22 bbls plast. which bro't us W. against the most Eastern of the row of black birch trees standing in the pasture N. of that in which the plast. was sown - perhaps the gr'd sown over night form an area of 20 acres - fixed rings in 4 sows noses to end the day. Turned team to pasture on the 14th -



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BENNINGTON, SUNDAY Hazed over thick, looked much like having a rain storm. Dairy concerns & writing confined me most of the day at home. Tow'd the end of the day took a walk with my father, Mr G. Robinson, Mr Getty, Mr Andrews & Billy his man - Only took a turn up S. behind our improvements & then came N. across gen. Robinson's woods to S.H. Brown's S. line - looked at the brook where it enters the gr'd above the ridge of rocks - pointed out a spot in which a cow like to have perished in May 1828 - At this place the company dispersed - came home & continued my entries in this book which I this day commenced. Orren W. Daniels & our Sylvanus rode to the S. part of Hoosick on horse back. Several persons were s'd to have been baptised in the E. village this day - Meeting in the Centre was thin - Mr Clark absent. Sorry that I could not get more time to look at my Newspapers. B. Sears came down & spent a short time with us - Friend Hiram Waters came down, spent the evening - employed me in copying Attorney's accounts & receipts showing the am't of moneys paid out on account of the estate of Worthy Waters - after entering them in his ac't book the originals were folded to forward to his friends in Jackson, in order to be exhibited at the final settle't of his brother's estate - Am't paid by our friend in this business was from \$80. to \$100.

MONDAY, MAY 17 A chilling rain from the E. fell powerfully a part of the day - had a good milking time at night - Grass seemed to flourish finely - cows doing well - from 29 h'd made daily about 68 lbs cheese. Four sows & 25 pigs were enclosed in the pasture together. Affairs about the dairy room were regulated, a quantity of corn threshed out, leading lines mended. Mr Northup made us a call with his stud "The Wild Deer" whose services would be rendered for the same as last year, \$3.00 Dr Bigelow was called to the assistance of Mary A. Waters, staid sometime discoursing in very lively style. This morning I sent a billet to cous. G.P. Harwood - Arlington - just to say we were well, how we were doing &c. Sent 3 No's St Lawrence Gazette. Sold  $4\frac{1}{2}$  bbls potatoes to T. Kent

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Cool & cloudy - wind N. or N.W. Attended to the dairy business in the early part of the day, and after long fussing went with 10 bbls corn to mill - Saw Sage about sawing - s'd he could not say when his turn would come - would send us word. Returned to uncle S. Safford's - kept my horses under the shed - read a very pretty story in the St Lawrence Gaz of May 4th which I this P.M. rec'd at the Post O. Mr J.C. Barter minuted at the bottom of a page that if he ever should have a moments leisure he would write me. See some day late in March, 1830 - For things bo't at Swift & Son's see Acc't Book & store book. Forgot to mention carrying Mrs Norton, late Miss Sophrinia Newton, from Dr Swifts to the residence of the late Wid. V. Wirt. Visited the Printing office & procured the 2d last No. of the Gaz. Saw our frie'd I. Armstrong who said that Commissioners were chosen by the Legislature of N.Y. to lay out a new road from Bennington line to Lansingburgh & Troy. I will add more respecting the mill which had been lately overhauled - small stones dismissed & a pair of large ones put in their st'd. Not yet exactly in order - B. Taft was there fixing it. The two Morgans, Hamblin & others were present. Conversed some with Deac. Dimmick's son-in-law Breese. Reached home before dark. Forgot to write that I forward'd a line to



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cous. Stephen Harwood requesting a pair of cheese hoops - 18 inches diameter & 9 high. Doct. Bigelow paid cous. Mary Ann another visit. On the 14th inst., paid borrow'd money \$10 to Swift & Son pr the Doct. himself in a bill of that denomination on Brighton B'k, Mas.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 Pretty pleas't, grew cool to'wd eve'g. Loose wood lying ab't the y'd was gath'd up & piled under the w'd house which was now again compleatly filled, besides much left that could not be housed. Turn to Journ'l for the latter part of March or fore p't of April for information concerning wood. Parade cleared of billets & other descriptions of wood - chips raked & scraped off so far as was thought snug & comfortable. At the close of the day rode in the 2 h. wagg. with Hopkins & bro't home the meal of 10 bbls corn - colt some troublesome by reason of its taking after other teams. Doct. Bigelow again visits cous. Mary Ann. Cous. Henry Parsons having redeemed his father's furniture came over from Hoosick with it this day. See back a few days.

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BENNINGTON, THURSDAY, MAY 20 Towards noon there arose a thund. shower to th the N.W. - a slight part only reached us - cold, fly'g clouds & heavy gusts w'd foll'd. An unpleas't operation was gone through with, the sheep & lambs throughout - father accomp'd by Mr Robinson, assisted in making fence against R. & Brown's cattle. P.M. cheeses were turned - commenced building a cow pen - Besides making some improvem't in the cheese room, road making with plow and scraper on our private roads, was executed by father and Sylvanus. The latter in the evening visited town to see the Circus riders perform, but got disapp'd. They didn't arrive. Weighed a cheese from the press this morning, which am'td to 72 lbs. Milk'd but 29 cows.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 Severe, rough, strong, cold, chilling blasts were constantly puffing from the N. - fly'g clouds. Walling on our section of the Norton line, W. part, was prosecuted by father & Sylvanus. My business was to assist in the dairy concerns in the forepart & middle of the day, and afterwards to finish my cow pen. Repaired a breach in Brown's fence on our W. line. Cous. N.L. Robinson came down to advise us to put off washing sheep until Monday next. No Circus.

SATURDAY, MAY 22 No alteration favorable to vegetation took place in the weather. Walling continued. My morn'g employ m't continued the same. Visited Mr Robinson to inform him of his oxen getting into our enclosure. Much of the P.M. was taken up, after assisting in turning cheese, in making a cow windlass and fitting it up for use. Played the flute late in the evening. H. Waters arrived from Hoosick about 9 at eve.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 Weather much the same, frosty morning, chilling N. winds. Assisted about cheese and took off my beard in good season. Lay most of the after part of the day guarding the cornfield against crows, those birds having been quite mischievous in taking up the planted corn. Read newspapers & viewed maps when awake. Sylvanus attended meeting in Algiers. H. Waters & B. Sears consulted on business together. I performed their writing. Ira B. Dewey came over



to see us. Dr Wolfe lost his mare - took our horse - rode to Dimmick's & found her again. A reformation had commenced by Nethodists in Algiers

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MONDAY, MAY 24 Cold morning - as the sun approached the meridian, became more mild, still those northern puffs which had cast a pale & gloomy countenance on everything of the vegetable kingdom for many days past, had not yet weased. Father & Tho's Kent labored in the cornfield planting corn where it was missing, for which there were several reasons - crows or pigeons pulling or digging it up, in many instances not yet out of the ground, because the seed was bad or because the cold weather was too much for it. This was a serious evil in our husbandry. Sylvanus, self & Hopkins proceeded on the old ground at uncle S. Robinson - joined company with cousins N.L. & young Heman in washing our flocks, of which there was in ours 23 h'd - they perhaps numbered from 12 to 17. As we were leaving the washing gr'd for the house luck would have it that our Wallace dog, Fayettee, should in a trice catch one of uncle Samuel's Feb. lambs down by the riverside, in plain sight, get it into the water & cause its immediate death by biting & drowning. What design the dog had in this affair was not easy to tell. William ran to the spot as soon as possible, but too late to save the innocent sufferer - caught the murderer by the under jaw & inflicted a few pretty hearty blows with his whiplock by way of punishment - that & a few words of reproach ended the matter with him - but as to our uncle - we must see that he has his recompence. Saw, as we came up to the house, Wm Haswell with a horse low in flesh about which he asked the advice of uncle's. The people working on the road gave a call - Anthony Hathaway, A. Rice & others - Cracked butternuts & dined at uncle S's. Coming up the hill - friend Haswell rode with me & my son as far as his house - very sociable & entertaining. Saw Mc Kee who said he must have his pay tow'd School Bill the present week or it should be collected by law. At the printing office rec'd a letter from Esq Barton of Shaftsbury, intimating that he could not buy our young calf skins. At Swift & Son's transacted business of some am't - bo't 2 handl'd hoes which were afterwards returned - two others rec'd in their stead without handles - the first 4/6 - last 3/9. Sylvanus did business on his own acc't. After we got home entered upon planting the cornfield over again with corn. Chatfield P. and H. Waters visited us in the evening.

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BENNINGTON, TUESDAY Cold, sad & gloomy, perhaps there was a frost in the morning - steady puff of wind from N.W. - great circle around the sun. Finished planting corn 2d time. T. Kent assisted 3/4 of the day. H. Waters left here this morning for Hoosick (Algiers) 4 Corn's. A visit was this day rec'd from Mrs Street, Mrs Watdrs & others, by our ladies, whose names shall be, when obtained, regularly entered on this Journal.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 Another cold frosty morning. Dry cold winds continued through the A.M. but P.M. seemed much more pleas't and like summer. Wrote letters or a letter to my friend Carpenter requesting payment of school rate to Mr Mc Kee - It was strong, but not saucy, ended with information that if not paid the pres't week it would be left in the hands of an attorney for collection. Spent the m'g much as usual. Spoke with Mrs Street & to her daughter Esther who was up from N. Lebanon - husband's name Lewis - doing well - Finished



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windlass to cow pen, which they denominated "a watch". P.M. assisted at digging stone for wall on the North'n Line. H.Waters & Parsons were here this evening.

THURSDAY, MAY 27 Cloudy - good day for business - warmer than it had been. Gave notice in writing that the school rates of L.Jewett & Sol Searls must be paid the pres't week - Hiram Hopkins bearer. Father & Sylvanus continued busy at walling. P.M. rode down to Mrs Dewey's to inquire respecting her cow minister - she could do nothing about it until the return of her son Eldad who would be absent perhaps a week. Rode out towards York State - found the people engaged in repairing roads - Saw Anthony Breese, the Armstrong's & others - Visited G.Breese's in Hoosick - old gent gone to Troy - young Abraham assisted by a young white boy & a youthful black fellow was planting fence posts a few rods N.E. of the house - made inquiry if they had more cows to sell - said not, excepting his brother's wife might spare her's - She was now at her mother's in Bennington. After sometime talking with this young man & getting on to me the fun & ridicule of the white boy & negro, bent my course for home - called at widow Hawks' to see her daughter, but she was absent at Ira H's - Arrived here before sunset.

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BENNINGTON, FRIDAY MAY 28 Wind blew lively from the S., cloudy - a small dash of rain occurred past noon - showers were seen off to the W. & N. Walling was continued by father & Sylvanus. P.M. carried Miss M.A.Waters to cous. P.Dewey's in 1 h. wagg Drove forward to Hinsdill's Factory to see W.Haswell, but failed, then ret'd up to Walb's mill - turned over the bridge - called to see young Steb. Walb'g - not at home, gone to Troy. Drove to Mr Breckenridge's - talked a few moments with him on various concerns - said he believed Mr Joel Parker had a young cow 5 yrs old which he would sell for \$25. - so I posted up there - most of the family absent at the funeral of a Mr Locke who was suddenly killed by the parting of an emery wheel as he was trying to turn it off with his chisel on the morning of the 26th in the machine shop of Mr Welling, Paran Cr'k Village - in his 35th year. Looked at the property for sale - concluded not to purchase. Saw a young Lady who stated, to me, the particulars of the death of Mr L. and a very ancient looking lady who appeared to be deaf. There was a young boy 7 yrs of age, grandson & namesake of old Mr P. Left just as the people arrived from attending the funeral. Returned back to the Hender son place - thence up to the Harmon Street - next to Harmon's - thence over to the other road - turn to the right - advance to young A.Harmon' at the corner N. of I. Hawks' saw a number of persons who had been working on the road. H.Scott came out from among them & rode with me to his uncle A.Kinsley's or near there - thence drove to wid. Armstrong's - saw & enquired of her son Reuben if he wanted to purchase a cow to feed for beef - said not - Understood him to say that they kept 250 h'd of sheep, mostly Saxon breed - had bargained away the wool at 44 cts pr lb. Exchanged potatoes for fl meal on which they kept a number of sows & pigs. Came away while yet the sun was half an hour high - turned to the left at Deacon Dimmick's and at the Erastus Young house, formerly the residence of Dr Gaius Smith, rec'd on board H.Scott with a piece of walnut timber in his arms which he designed for rake teeth weighing as much as a bhl of wheat. They said Mrs Davis of that neighborhood had a fine cow she wished to sell - Deferred looking at or



or doing anything respecting the creature this evening - proceeded onward - landed neighbor Scott & timber at his house. At W. Haswell's saw capt Hall and himself walking in the garden - the former spoke for cheese, without gaining the promise of any, because we had none

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BENNINGTON, MAY 28 of fit quality for him, and to the latter mentioned CONTIN'D. the probability of wanting a part of the money due on pork note, at the same time hated to distress him for it. He chose to have it remain as it was - but if I wanted the money he would pay it promptly. Called at John Hicks' and rec'd a tin pail in which I had conveyed him 10 lbs butter at 0/9 pr lb - took away the old side saddle, reapers of which if rightly recollect am'td to 50 cts. Arrived here past sunset.

SATURDAY, MAY 29 High S. wind - cldy - rained some - rain much wanted. The wall was nearly compleated, would have quite finished it had the rain not driven off father & Sylvanus from their work. My usual course was pursued in the early part of the day. Past 9 started to go and see Mrs Davis - called and discoursed very friendly with Mr Andrews & lady - Marched on to Swift's store - st'd only a mom't and then resumed my walk for the residence of Mrs Davis. Crossed a large pasture belonging to E.D. Hubbell which appeared quite unproductive - Indeed I could say nothing much more favorable of pasturing generally in this section of the town - meadows not doing much better generally - Reached Mrs D's at the house next beyond Dr Smith's Brook, owned by Miss Haynes. I soon made known my business - she said she had proposed early in the spring to sell her cow, but had now altered her mind, would not dispose of her for almost any sum. If she should remove to the W. next fall then the property would be for sale. Requested her to give me a call - said she would - so I ret'd by way of Dr Swift's store, bo't 1 lb tea at 3/6 - Visited the Post Office and came home. P.M. attended to working up old wood - turning cheese &c. Sylvanus rode to town in the eve'g and bo't a new pair of thin shoes of Childs for \$2.25. Ebenezer Gleason gave us a call with a handsome dark chestnut stud, the services of which he offered on low terms - we were engaged and could not accept. On Thursday & Friday Sylvanus sheared the flock

SUNDAY, MAY 30 S. wind & rain - very fine, gladly rec'd but cleared up cold - Remarkably drowsy - with much ado executed the usual task at writing besides attending to H.W's business - he being present himself. William & Adeline visited Gleason's, Shafts. J.B. Dewey paid his respects to us. Father went to meeting.

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BENNINGTON, MAY 31 Some hezy & cold, wind N. A little unwell in the morning, but soon recovered so as to be able to attend to business. Father & Sylvanus finished repairing wall on the Norton line to the end of our section which left us in possession of good fences on the whole of it. P.M. all hands were employed in repair of S.H. Brown's fence between his woods & gen. Robinson's - beyond the Indian Field progressed many rods up the brook lopping & cutting saplings in order to fortify against Brown's or rather B. & Robinson's cattle who of late had oft encroached upon our domain. In the evening friend Southworth paid us a very lively visit - talked of "Old Line", "Pioneers" &c. A mollatto man & his lady performed a job at whitewash-



ing for which I paid them, by the hand of Diademia, in full, \$1. Mr Robinson the preceding week had the scraper on the main road ab't 2 days, making road or repairing it in the Center District this side Mr Andrews'. Chatfield visited us at night.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1 Very violent high & chilly S. wind during the morning - P.M. was rainy - came off cool at night. Indian corn & grass doing badly - not many good fields of wint. grain. Sylvanus performed the part of a Militia man during most of the day. Father & Son were employed in repairing fences against some very unruly cattle belonging to major L.Norton - on which acc't complaint was made at his shop in his absence. Hopkins went to training - also the mare Jenny.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 Very cool wind & clds from the N. All hands oxen & scraper joined to others of the District were employed under thr direction of the Syrveyor on the road, Mr S. Loomis. Commenced on the hill this side Brown's & progressed S. to the long hill beyond blue point. Mr Jesse Loomis, S.Loomis & L.Jewett dined here.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3 Warmer than on the 2d inst but otherwise much the same. Business of yesterday contin'd. The hill N. of Parsons' was faithfully repaired - but that to the S. of his house was most nobly improved by getting out some very ugly rocks which were seriously in the way. Blasting was successfully applied in a part of that business. Yesterday friend Mc Kee came to see me respecting the remainder due him on School Bill.

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BENNINGTON, THURSDAY all which (except) was settled excepting 80" com  
JUNE 3 ing from Sol Searls, who refused paying because he had a claim on the District. He solicited Jewett for money on note, was directed to call upon Buckley Squires to obtain it. Our Long Hill was pretty faithfully worked, ploughed and scraped down from top to foot - some large stones taken out. Ploughing & scraping were executed on the road below Maj. L.N's - Hill fixed below school house. A party was sent on the old Fuller road & Mr L. and others labored on the road to his house. Our taxes on the highway am't to between 10 & 11 dollars which we supposed we had nearly worked out. Employ T. Kent P.M. Came home without our scraper which was in the hands of the other party. In the evening welcomed our cousin Asahel Dewey of Stockbridge who had been to Granville N.Y. to collect money due for paying old debts out of his own pocket and was blessed with success. Conversed until late in the evening. Perhaps if I am not too lazy a list may be made of persons names who labored on the highway these 2 days.

FRIDAY (MAY) JUNE Cloudy & moderate - signs rain - streams quite low  
4th rain much wanted. After long fixing got ready and rode away with my s'ousin. He called a few mom'ts at cous. E.Waters8 while I did business at Chandler's respecting cheese press lever - and at Dr Swift's to exchange a poor hoe which was warranted, for another under the same condition - proceeded down thro' Algiers left 5 bhl's rye at the mill - Saw Isaac Doolittle Esq - went on to the Iron Works - viewed all their works - saw the Forge in operation - visi



ted the garden - The whole establishment excited in my worthy relative great astonishment, surprise & admiration, being far beyond what he had previously conceived of. He saw a bloomer in the forge with whom he had formerly been acquainted - of the name of Cooper - had experienced many of the vicissitudes of life - was at length settled here - just called at the place of his abode & spoke with his wife, who said her oldest daughter was married & lived in Putney, Vt., aged 15. Returned to Capt. Waters' - dined, enjoyed a pleas't visit. Tow'd eve'g rode up street - staid awhile at the printing office - afterw'ds returned home - my cous. had left

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BENNINGTON, FRIDAY, the capt's previous to my coming off the hill and  
JUNE 4 nearly reached home before me. Rec'd in full of  
Buckley Squires the sum of \$1.75, being for hides  
or hide & skins. Saw W.H. McKee who said he had disposed of L. Jewett's  
note at a discount of forty cents to U.M. Robinson, not having rec'd any  
thing from B. Squires on Wednesday. I paid McKee 50 cents due him on  
Searls' bill, which we were happy to think closed the concern in Good  
friendship. Searls' Bill should be charged to the District if his  
claim ought to be allowed. At the Post O. rec'd a short letter from Mr  
Nathan Ballou informing me that neither he nor his sons nor his neigh-  
bors, far & near, could pasture our sheep - had delayed writing on acc'  
of trying to enquire out a place for us. S'd line on getting home was  
immediately forwarded by Mrs Dewey, who was ypon a visit to mother, to  
L. Jewett with an endorsem't mentioning the fate of his note. See May  
for date & am't J's note - Saturday, the 8th - Cous. Stephen Harwood  
sent me a pair of cheese hoops - 18 inches in diameter & 9 inches in  
height - pr his son Jared - by whom forwarded 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  bbls cider - on acc't

SATURDAY, JUNE 5 Very handsome fine day after a rainy morning. Cous.  
A. Dewey having enjoyed a pleasant visit with us  
took his departure for home late in the morning. This gentleman was the  
only son of my uncle B. Dewey - Born at Stockbridge, Ms., Nov 1779 -  
where he was reared, educated & still resides - Wheel-wright by occupa-  
tion - raised a family of 2 sons & 5 daughters, two youngest twins ten  
years of age - Makes a profession of the Christian Religion and is a  
permanent member of the Cong. Church of s'd town. Sylvanus worked in  
the garden early part of the day. P.M. hunted pigeons which had troubled  
us seriously in pulling up young corn. Father & self repaired some  
fencing & drew up bits of rails from the place where wall was lately  
built. In the eve'g accompanied by my son searched cow pasture & dis-  
covered the cow called "Hard Bl'k" with her calf by her side - last on  
the list of thirty. Andrew Parsons and sisters, Annis H. & Ellen M.  
came over from Hoosick on a visit.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 Wet & rainy from the S. fine grow'g season. Rain  
prevented our people from going to meeting. Dairy  
affairs & writing Journal furnished me full employment - weighed cheese  
from the press which nearly came up to 75 lbs. Sat up late at night  
writing. Sleep had impeded that business during day time. Andrew &  
cousins or sisters I would say - cont'd their visit over night. Cousin  
Ira B. Dewey speht most of the day here.



BENNINGTON, MONDAY, More or less rainy during the morning, some slight  
 JUNE 7. showers P.M. Made a sour cheese. Sylvanus hunted  
 pigeons in the morning - Tinkered cheese-press. Mr  
 Sage came up to inform us that he was ready to attend to our sawing -  
 dined with us - shewed him the dairy - promised to look after the logs  
 the next day. Sold 3 pecks rye to T. Kent & rec'd 50 cts therefor. Fath-  
 er performed a journey to the E. part of the town - bro't home grist of  
 rye. Having deac'd the calf spoken of on Saturday left us 30 cows to  
 milk at night. Girls quilt in the wagg. h. chamber. To cous. N.L. Rob-  
 inson paid \$8. due Mrs Haynes for sow & pigs bo't sometime ago.

TUESDAY, JUNE 8 Fair & pretty warm - crossed over to the saw mill  
 usually called "Olin & Colvin's Mill", hauling in,  
 butt'g & sawing asunder spruce logs. Sage commenced sawing soon after  
 we arrived on the gr'd, but soon stopp'd on acc't of the box iron in  
 the sweep getting out, which was adjusted and the mill put in operation  
 shortly afterw'ds. Sylvanus had some difficulty with his horse forward  
 of the oxen because he refused to draw - the ladies were much interest-  
 ed in the poor creature's fate - The trouble took place near the school  
 house by Witherel's - All got along with - some few words to the contra-  
 ry notwithstanding. Tho's Kent assisted this day. We were so lucky as  
 to have the use of Dewey & Woodworth's cross-cut saw - a very good tool  
 Our father was of the party.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9 Was wrong in stating the weather of the 8th which  
 was some rainy in the after part of the day. This  
 day was not so warm as the preceding - cldy, with signs of rain. The  
 business of yesterday was fully compleated by getting all of our logs  
 onto the log-way, of which there were, including two basswoods, 31 in  
 number. In driving along the road up to the Weeks' Sylvanus suddenly  
 started up his team by which we lost a timber dog, nor was it known we  
 had lost it until our arrival at W's - S. then took horse & rode back  
 to find it - unluckily one among 3 men who met us took it up & carried  
 it to the furnace, where after riding down to the saw mill, he went &  
 recovered possession of it - 8th & 9th ret'd from the mill with a few  
 stocks of boards. Gave directions to friend Sage respecting the saw-  
 ing. Requested a Regular Bill of the same. A party of pleasure was  
 enjoyed behind the rocks W. of the house of which fr'd Southworth, Mr  
 Kendrick & others were memb's - Plenty of ladies - Father & T. Kent hoed  
 corn.

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BENNINGTON, THURSDAY, Might be pronounced a rainy day - much less so  
 JUNE 10 1830 P.M. than in the morning. Various employments  
 occupied us. Late in the day Sylvanus with  
 team of 4 carr'd 6 bbls corn to the grist mill and returned with a  
 load of 758 ft boards from the saw mill. Sold & carr'd to E. Waters 1  
 bbl cider for which charged \$1.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11 Handsome delightful weather - Late rains had vastly  
 improved the growth of grass & grain. Assisted by T  
 Kent we hoed corn which was very small. Hopkins rode horse for me.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12 Good weather continued - some hazy - Finished hoe-  
 ing corn the first time pres't season. T. Kent assist  
 ing. Sylvanus was sent to S. Harwood's for a wooden plough which was  
 carr'd there to be repaired - not done - Returned without it & bro't



corn meal from Doolittle's mill - Hopkins accomp'd him - his brother orr'n came home with him. Where our corn was missing, & that was very frequent on the W. border or edge of the field, white beans were planted - bo't a peck of Mrs Robinson, of excellent quality.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 Rained much during the morning - rem'd cool & cloudy to the end of the day. Pretty busy day, at the same time dull - No going to meeting on acc't of rain. Cous. B. Sears, cous. I. B. Dewey, cous. N. L. Robinson & H. Waters were guests here this day. Could gain very little time to read. Wrote out Journal & drew a Bill of timber &c. for Richmond's house - Hoosick 4 corners. I would mention that on Thursday, would say Wednesday, M. Cobb of Shaftsbury, tarried here over night. Spoke of Gen. Cross being gone to N. York City for his health. On said evening there was a short thund. shower, principally E. of us.

MONDAY, JUNE 14 Growing season, pretty rainy P.M. Weighed a cheese from the press which pulled down  $77\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. A few stocks of boards were regularly laid up to season - Sylvanus with team of 1 span only, bro't a large timber load from the saw mill. Much of my time was devoted to the dairy concern - father performed much in the garden. I gave some assistance. M. Ann Waters arrived here from A. Robinson's on Saturday evening much out of health. Must correct this acc't of Monday by stating that besides the 1'd above mentioned Sylvanus bro't a large one A.M. with~~d~~ doub. team.

TUESDAY, JUNE 15 Foggy morning - fine hot weath'r foll'd p warmest of any day the pres't seas. Some trouble was had

respecting Maj. L. Nort's getting through his fence into our wood 1't

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BENNINGTON, TUESDAY,

JUNE 15 CONTIN'D The yearling colt was brought home which had thro the same fence strayed into the major's pastures. Father inspected fences, worked in the garden &c P.M. I went to the sawmill with Sylvanus having waggon & double team - assisted at butting an ash crook for sawing carried by us there last Dec. or Jan. Mr Sage finished 31 stocks boards, planks & scantling of which a regular bill was made out amounting to 4614 ft - saw'g at \$2.75 - amt'd to \$12.68 - to be paid as soon as circumstances would permit. Last stock made excellent floor boards - best in the whole lot

It was announced in the Gazette of this date that Mr Luther Bliss, late of this place, died at his daughters in Bridport, Vt on the 2d inst - was carried off by Typhus fever. This gentleman was long an acquaintance of mine, and I take pleasure in reviewing the many happy moments spent in conversation with him. He was a man of pretty extensive reading which made him interesting & entertaining. Was born in the county of Hampshire, Ms., either at Springfield or Northampton, in Sept 1860 served one or two campaigns during our Revolutionary War - was at Ty in the winter of 1776, could relate many abecdotes of himself and associates which were very amusing & were listened to by such kind of hearers as myself with a good deal of interest. Mr B. was a hatter by occupation, and commenced business here in 1784 - in the spring of that year pursued it with various success until within 15 or 20 years of his



death when his property was so reduced as to disable him from the further prosecution of his regular employment - Indeed his course of life was so unsteady that a systematic ~~to~~ attention to business could not be expected from him - Nor was he ever possessed of much of this world's treasures at any one period of his life. Altho' intemperance was a habit that attended him through the greater part of his life - yet were his wife and family very respectable - Mrs B. died of consumption - Oct 1 1828 - from 53 to 65 years of age. His sons were, Luther, Moses, Pelatiah and James C. The third died in Troy some years since of Consumption - the last has for many years been a successful physician in N.Y.City - The names of his daughters were - Betsey, Emily.

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BENNINGTON, JUNE 15 Had I the necessary talents & qualifications, Contin'd. should delight in the pursuit of this subject - should esteem it useful & entertaining to give pretty full Biographical Sketches of my old friends & neighbors as they are taken off the stage - But my failures are very great in every respect - especially in time.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26 I propose to make up my register of the weather for the last 10 days from memory, in short order. 16th there was a small thunder shower P.M., caused it to be wet; 17th pleasant day for business, flying clods & signs of rain; 18th very fair & fine 19th handsome morning, cloudy & cool P.M.; 20th commenced raining in the night & continued until late in the morning; afterwards had occasional showers; 21st a real rainy day - gloomy, cold & unpleas't; 22d did not clear up & continued cloudy & showery - Roads muddy & bad. 23d mostly fair until late in the day there occurred a short shower of rain; 24th with the expect'n of some fog in the morning was a fine day; 25th clear, handsome & warm - corn grew - was very low for the season; 26th Continued - cloudy with signs of rain.

WED. JUNE 16 As usual first part of the day, assisted some in the garden & sawed wood P.M. Thos Kent assisted our people in fixing up currant bushes, hoeing potatoes in the garden, ashing corn in the field &c. The rain stopped business. Capt Ketchum put in with us during the shower. Cheeses in these days weighed from the press from 72 to 74 lbs - and perhaps more.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 Late in the morning got under motion for Troy - took nothing but 19 young calf & 1 veal skins for loading. Had two h. wagg. employed a hired horse of Lieut Safford. Bad travelling, past noon when arrived at Wadsworth's. Saw some few characters with whom I was acquainted. Came across Mr Andrews at Richmond's going to Albany to purchase a new Pianno. On the road saw Maj Foster in 1. h. wagg. bound to Troy - drove pretty fast as I conceived. Tow or three miles this side the City two ladies from 30 to 55 begged the privilege of riding with me which was granted - Were from Grafton, 13 mile on foot going to visit their youngest sister, the mother of a family - 28 yrs of age - now lying at the point of death. Mrs Stowell & Mrs Allen they said were their names, the former claimed acquaintance with the late Moses Doty while he resided in Troy.



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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, On Wed. Eve'g June 16th - our cous. Ruth Treman, eldest daughter of C. Harwood & the first of P. Harwood's grandchildren, being now nearly 44 - arrived from Kirkland, N.Y. a few miles S.W. Utica - accomp'd by her husband, 3d son by his former wife - named Oren - Left family & husband in health. In Troy disposed of young skins at 3/6 a piece - veals Sk 8/0 Y'k. Bo't of Gary on cr. 75 lbs sole leather at 2/0. Traded pretty smartly with my old friend Powelson, whose lady was present. For a schedule of articles see Acc't Book p. 74 - Had stabling at Burtis', North'n Hotel - Slept at cous. Samuel's.

(THURS) FRIDAY, At O. & A. Arnolds' bo't goods to the am't of \$16.22", as pr copy of Bill p 74 - acc't B. At Benj Colliers' bo't & paid \$3.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " for fur napp'd & 3/6 Y'k for braided palm leaf hat - Paid 31" for flat broom & late in the morning came out of Troy. Was accomp'd by capt. Eben Cross a little way up the hill where he left my wagg. for that of Maj. Foster who was on his return to Hoosick. Made a halt at Wadsworth's drove home by about dark. Cous. Ruth was absent at Petersburg - Father & Sylvanus had stuck up the lumber brought from home lately.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19 Would just add that at Wadsworth's there was a 1st rate stud under the care of a young man of color who seemed to be quite smart & active. Having learnt that the Trojans were peculiarly in want of cheese, took 9 cheeses, the earliest made, packed them in green grass, and started for Troy in a 1 h. wagg. Call'd only at G. Snyder's - Saw Jac Dubois formerly of Bennington - Arrived in T. by say 1/2 past 6, or thereabouts - supped at cous. Samuel's & by active assistance from him sold all my cheese by dark - 89 lbs at 0/6, 228 lbs at 6" - Full am't being 317 lbs 14 oz - received payment \$19.29 Gave cous. S. 25 cts for kindly assisting in the cause - he utterly refused it at first - but by my entreaty rec'd the same as he ought. Late as it was transacted business at Arnold's & at J.V. Powelson's. Mrs P. still present - bo't cloth for a calico frock for our daughter Adeline - Had horse kept at Burtis' - slept at cous. Samuel's where they sat up until a late hour waiting upon their customers. Would mention seeing our neighbor Searls this side Esq'r Hubbell's - gave him notice that

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, try it out with him respecting what was due from him to Mc Kee - to which he replied that he should sue the District for services performed in repairing school house in Nov. 1827.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th Late in the morning before I could start out on acc't rainy weather. Visited the house of A. Arnold & also the store where young Arnold, nephew of the owners, waited upon me. Added to our bill 56 cts - \$16.78" - Bo't 2 qts oil for Parsons, pd 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cous. Sam. accomp'd me to Lansingburgh to collect money due him. At Germonds during a shower - Luckily the next shower came while I was under the E. horse shed at the Hoffman place. No one disturbed me excepting a well dressed young lady who for the same cause which confined me, tarried there until the rain had mainly ceased falling. Made no more calls - found bad wheeling - arrived here past sunset. I. B. Dewey tarried here this night. Cous. Ruth & son-in-law had arrived from Pets'bg on the 19th



MONDAY, JUNE 21 So rainy as to prevent the prosecution of much outdoor business - rec'd much satisfaction from conversing with cous. Ruth. Took copies of bill goods bo't in Troy - wrote most of a letter to aunt Lucy Waterman. Miss Thompson and her friend Mrs Ayres visited us this day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22 A wall was commenced on the S.H.Brown line W. of our rocks. Took a cheese out of the press which weighed 80 lbs - made two days since. Our girls paid a visit along with cous. Ruth ro uncle S. Robinson's.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 The wall was continued. Tho's Kent assisted P.M. Our ladies accomp'd cous. Ruth to the N. part of the town among relatives there. I rode up street & to the furnace with young Oren & Hopkins. His mare appeared very fine & active - had her hind shoes set at col. Norton's on my acc't - 20". Paid priest tax to John Hicks, the collector, six dollars in full. Sylvanus & Tho's Kent this morning bro't from the Wid. Eldad Dewy's an active red bull of common blood to serve us during the seas'n. Under this date or on the 24" a letter was drawn up in pretty earnest, but respectful terms, requesting payment of \$5. lent money to Nathaniel Stone, Bainbridge, N.Y. forwarded pr cous. Ruth who engaged to put in the Post O. near her residence - See Jour. July 1829. Whole am't of goods bo't in Troy ab't \$43.00 - Credited \$31.89" - Expen's two trips 82 cts.

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NENNINGTON, THURSDAY, JUNE 24 Cous. Ruth having paid us a most excellent visit it started for home this morning. Our wall was continued - All hands in the after part of the day were employed about it. Do not know but that it might have happened this morning that the 80 lb cheese was taken out of the press. Must mention the recovery of lent money from Bennet Stone. The same evening on which I visited Troy, 17th inst., inquired out the residence of my y'g friend - found him at a sort of Livery Stable owned or carried on by John Perry, commonly known by the title of Commodore Perry. S. was busy in rubbing down horses, exchanged with me usual compliments, but was rather shy of the main point which was at last bro't in - He said he calculated to pay me - had intended to send it by J. Rogers, but could not because his employer seemed to be short of cash - should shortly return to Bennington when I should certainly be paid. I told him if that debt went unpaid it would occasion a wound which would never be healed - on the contrary were he to pay it punctually all would be well - so departed to my quarters. Next morning, being accomp'd by cous. Sam'l who was very good in giving assistance, again visited cous. Stone & asked him if he would sign an order on Mr Perry - said he would, but didn't believe I should get any money - I drew the order, he signed it. Cous. Sam'l came with me to the house of Mr P. where a statement of the case was verbally given, asking him at the same time if he owed S. enough to cover the order - he presumed he did & said, being then at breakfast, I might call on him at Thompson's Grocery S. side of the Ship Y'd and he would pay the order. I complied with his direction and promptly rec'd the money. See Jour'l Feb'y 20, March 8th., 18th &c.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25 Nearly compleated building wall for the pres't on the B'n Line, which added to what had been previously built in other parts of the farm this seas'n made up say 50 rods.



Benj'n Fay, Ass't Marshal for the Dist. of Vermont, called here and took down the number of persons comprising our family - male & female - Two between sixty & 70 y'rs of age, one between 40 & 50, three between 30 & 40, two between 20 & 25 - two under 14. The persons alluded to were Benj Harwood, lady, two daughters & Mary A. Waters - H. Harwood, lady, two children & S.W. Daniels - the last being in his 21st year.

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BENNINGTON, FRIDAY,  
JUNE, 25 Contin'd      On the 23rd inst saw J.E Robinson's household goods exposed to sale. Ho't of Mr Ballou from Monroe, Ms., 4 good rakes for which paid \$1. Willard Bates made us an offer of \$35.00 for 23 h'd sheep & 17 lambs - we asked \$1. per h'd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26      Sylvanus hoes corn for T.Kent at Mr Evans' of J. Norton's Atwood farm - very bad hoeing - Finished fencing on Br'n Line. Mr Bates called & bo't our sheep & lambs - paid \$35.00 in hand - Bennington money - Mr B. was full of jokes, quite lively. The flock was got up, marked & blued according to contract. Assisted by Hopkins drove them to the Abner Noble place - tried twice to drive them across the brook, but failed. Returned home by dark.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27      Dull cldy - rained P.M. - 5th rainy Sabbath.  
Sylvanus & sister Lydia went to meeting. Rec'd visits from H.Waters, B.Sears, Henry Robinson, and I.B.Dewey. In the eve'g paid our respects to the family of T.C.Parsons - All my litt. family, including Sylvanus and his faithful follower, the dog Fayette, were present. On the 21st inst. Gen'l D.Robinson came to our house to get some information concerning a conversation that occurred at a certain neighbor's house between Mr Ballard & members of that family touching a division of the Cong'l Society in this town, which he said must finally take place. The conversation was well recollected. Mr B. was about offering himself to the church.

MONDAY, JUNE 28      Some slight rains - Thund. showers off S.W. We were employed at 2d hoeing - T.Kent a day in our service I followed the plow - Hopkins was my rider - Sylvanus visited town at night.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29      Pretty pleas't A.M. Showery P.M. Assisted in start off father & Diadamia on their journey to Stillwater, N.Y. Mr T.Daniels came down this morning from Pownal - bo't 1 bh buckwheat for which paid cash fifty cents. Likewise let him have in money, for which Sylvanus stood accountable, the sum of thirteen dollars - wanted said money to take up a note of O.W.Daniels to Aaron Potter for a cow bo't last Spring. O.W. being at present absent on a journey to Connecticut. Many rows of corn were plowed out during A.M. Hopkins rider - P.M. so rainy we did nothoe in the field - were employed on garden & old rails for fuel. John Harwood commenced making shoes here. Rec'd visit this eve'g from H.Waters & B. Sears for whom wrote acc'ts

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BENNINGTON, WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 30      Warm, pleas't, some flying cl'ds. Contin'd hoeing - corn very unusually small. Capt Heman Robinson & his son-in-law John S.Fassett came here this morning - the



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the former having business in his father's woods - called to view our dairy - they appeared considerably pleased & surprised. The morning previous our old fr'd Henry H. Fassett being out with his eldest daughter for her health, also honored the dairy with his inspection & pronounced it fine. A cheese from the press made two days since weighed 76 lbs. An old cheese weighing perhaps 68 lbs, made of two curds in Oct 1829 was this day broached.

THURSDAY, JULY 1 Really warm - Thundered considerably, had a smart shower P.M. A large thund. sh'r passed in the eve'g off N.E. - little or none of it fell here. Finished 2d hoeing of corn, 2 or 3 o'clock P.M. - then attended to the dairy and other concerns. No going to school by Hopkins.

FRIDAY, JULY 2d Continued very warm, some cldy, corn & grass app'd to flourish handsomely. Entered upon plowing & hoeing out potatoes which were in fine condition. Sylvanus managed with Hopkins for rider, while I walked by Jewett's & Lawrence's to Moses Bushnell's to give information that we were much in want of coals for the dairying department. Mr B. was on the mountain busily preparing to burn coals for the Furnace mark't. On the way perused a N.Y. City paper. As I came on my return against E. Fay Jun'r's old house saw the Deac. wife along with Mrs Levi Jewett who stated that 3 of her husband's cows had the hoof disorder - wanted to know what was good to cure it? I informed that I had heard of different remedies, but thought it was about as well to let it take its own course. Much conversation on the dairying business followed. After reaching home, father & Diadamia arrived in good health. Was told that Capt H.A. Fay with U. Edgerton had been here on a short visit. I regretted much being absent. On the morning of the first ins't rec'd H. Waters' note for \$35.00 - sheep money payable one day from date - he said he would keep it until the expiration of 3 months unless I sooner wanted it. B. Harwood visited some part of the gr'd whereon was fought the famous battle between the American & Brit. Armies, Oct. 7 1777

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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, JULY 3 1830 The atmosphere was overcast with cl'ds and if I am correct there was a slight shower of rain in the former part of the day. Thu'd off N. in the latter part of it. Sylvanus & Adeline in 1 h. wagg. rode to Berlin, N.Y. to pay their respects to the Rhodes family - Miss Susan inclusive. Hoeing potatoes in the orch'd was contin'd and completed - T. Kent being in our employment 3/4 of the day. Rec'd a friendly & entertaining visit from Capt Levi Sherwood & daughter. the latter having come to the Academy this day to witness the examination of scholars at that institution. The capt. during the month of May had made a very interesting tour to the W. nearly to the confines of Pennsylvania on S. shore of L. Erie. Saw a very country covered with a great many excellent products of the soil particularly winter wheat - Immense quantities of flour were manufactured at Rochester, whence had been shipped to Canada the pres't season more than 40,000 bbls. Capt S. dined here and then withdrew in order to give his daughter an opportunity at the Academy while he went to Algiers, & spent some time among his friends, afterwards on Court house hill. Capt S. likewise while in the Western country crossed over into Canada and ascended by a winding stairway to the top of



Brock's Monument - 128 feet - prospect very fine & extensive. Mon't in grand & imposing style suitable to the memory of so eminent a commander situated on the spot where he fell, Oct 13 1812. I was in town after part of the day - much gratified in having an opportunity to speak with capt. H.A. Fay who was in company with his brother-in-law Edgerton. The capt. seemed to be in tolerably good spirits, complained of poor health 51 years had bleached his locks and his appearance otherwise indicated the ravages of time and disease. I followed him from near Brannock's horse shed in to the house where meeting Major Haynes who was in his old trim, caused him to retreat - and, after being entangled with the major a few moments I followed on down against capt. D. Rob's house, afterwards by his garden where some conversation ensued on old subjects, but so drily conducted on my part as to offer no amusement to my dear capt. who with broth'r Edgerton shortly departed to pay a visit to capt. H. Robinson at the Gen'l's. Thus ended this interview. See Journal May 24 & 25 1822. Can't afford time to enter many particulars of the subsequent part of the day. Sometime was agreeably spent at Brannock's talking

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SATURDAY, BENNINGTON, with capt. Sherwood, W. Gould, M.L. Selden, and  
JULY 3d - Contin'd others respecting the Troy road and such like  
subjects - At Love's saw Smith Montague who in-  
formed me of having visited N. Orleans - wintered there - afterwards went  
to see his brother Daniel many miles up the R. Quashita - he was mar-  
ried to a good wife - was much beloved by all his neighbors - followed  
the carpenter's business - next fr'd Smith came up the Mississippi & Ohio  
to the Illinois country and paid a visit to the brothers Rodney, Luman  
& Newell and sister Rachel whom he found happily situated - presumed  
they were on their way to this town for a visit - They had a Jackson  
meeting here - I was invited to attend but declined the compliment, both  
for want of inclination & time. Uncle Sam Robinson who had lately re-  
turned from a pleas't tour to the N. among his near relatives, old ac-  
quaintances & friends, was at L's. No regular celebration was had here  
abouts. The young fellows in the Street got together & fired the cannon  
very early in the morning - some reports were heard during the subse-  
quent part of the day. Mr Clark our Pastor complained of having his  
window broken - had his garden some injured about this time.

SUNDAY, JULY 4th Pretty pleas't & warm - father & cous. N.L. Robinson  
returned with news from the Sanctuary that on acc't  
of our friend Ballard having become a member of the church and the L'ds  
Supper being this day administered - a great many of the opposing mem-  
bers - could not sit down with him & consequently left the house. P.M.  
Mr Reed the new husb'd of Miss C. Hubbell, being about to start off on a  
Mission to Bombay, E. Indies, delivered his farewell sermon. Attending  
to dairy, sleeping & some reading occupied my fleeting hours. Much  
plagued with drowsiness. As to Newspapers, felt a disposition to laugh  
at the praises & faultfinding of either party - all of but little  
worth to a person of a retired & peaceful habit. H.W. here.

MONDAY, JULY 5 Fine & cool. Hoed potatoes & other things within &  
without the garden - sent off pr Sylvanus 10 bbls  
corn & 7½ do rye to the Saff'd mill. Southworth & his fr'd Mc Kee vis-  
ited us near night - the former had sued Mr Searls according to direc-



tion - his attorney must have the Records of the Dist. to prove that I was authorized to employ Mc Kee as teacher - On search being made, found

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BENNINGTON, JULY 5 the commission of one of those blunders so natural to me & some of my noble kindred. In recording a vote of the District constituting L. Jewett, P. Smith & myself the Prudential Committee, had dropped my own name entirely. Was surprised - did not know exactly how to get along with it & have it appear as it should. Father & Mother visited Mt Field who was expected not to survive many days.

TUESDAY, JULY 6 Warm, fair and fine. Mowing Canada thistles & other stuff, vutting up burdocks & getting home the grist from the mill severally employed father & Sylvanus. Spent much of my time A.M. hunting up & arranging school documents. Afternoon visited town. Had note for \$175 to Bennington Bank renewed for three months. Ed. H. Swift endorser. Cashier requested half the pay, but I told him I was unable to do it at this time - probably should be at the expiration of the next 3 m's - Paid discount \$2.02½ and left the B'k. Made my record proper by interlineation & left the book at the office of H. Hall. Borrowed without leave, all being absent from the office, North American Review for Oct. 1829. Visited the printing Off. - procured Gaz - Saw Tho's Jeff. Haswell on a visit from Troy. Wrote a short letter to Esq Barton, Shaftsbury, requesting a good calf skin dressed for womens wear, on acc't cr. - carried it to A.J. Haswell post rider whom engaged to transact the business for me - talked with him awhile - left & came to Swift & S's - rec'd 2½ yds apron check at 20" and came home. Saw Mr Read & lady at the store getting things for their comfort & convenience on their great voyage. Mrs R. took formal leave of Ed. H. Probably they may find a long road to Bombay.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 Cldy in a measure - pleas't too - Meeting house E. Village dedicated - Sermon by Mr Howard. Mr Hollis Reed & his wife Caroline departed for Bombay, E.I. Mrs Waters with her daughter Mary started off early for Stockbridge, Ms. Mowing thistles was continued until noon. P.M. timber was procured for cart tong. P.M. sold 1 bbl cider pr B. Ayres to E. Montague - booked \$1. Sylvanus endeavored to get cart tong fixed, but failed. Besides attending to other concerns - Dairy &c - sawed wood.

THURSDAY, JULY 8 Cldy, rained considerably - P.M. Sylvanus made it his chief employment to assist in putting in cart-tong and getting iron work done to cart which for new tong-iron & fixing

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BENNINGTON, JULY 8 other irons amounted to \$1.50. H. Waters for putting in tong well executed by S. Sears, 63 cts. During the rainy part of the day executed some writing under the pressure of peculiar drowsiness. Found by calculation that previous to the first of Dec'r an accumulation of debt against B. Harwood & Son would probably amount to upwards of \$600 - more than butter, cheese and all would come to. Last evening School Mast'r Cobb gave us a call, said Gen'l Cross had sold his wool for more than 48 cts pr lb - had his



price 50". A part of my busoness was to erect a windlass for the purpose of raising yo thehead of the cow called "Brassy" in order to try an experiment upon her to prevent her from Holding up her milk. A most ugly, odious beast for a cow.

FRIDAY, JULY 9 Cold- fine day for business. Ploughing & hoeing corn made upmthe employ't in chief. Hopkins rode horse. Aunt S. Robinson came up to visit us.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 Another fine day. Finished 3d hoeing by 2 or 3 p.M. Corn doing much better than heretofore - very uneven however. Or W. Daniels came here about noon - returned 12 of the thirteen dollars handed over to his father on the 29th June ult. Aunt Sarah rode home past noon. She related that Gen'l James Farnsworth of Fairfax, formerly of this place, had become very rich. The Daniels boys & myself and M.A.Waters took a ride to Algiers - transacted some unimportant business - left a bundle of wool to be carded for my wife & bro't away another of rolls for the other side of the house. Saw capt. E.Chase with Greg. Dictionary under his arm - say 1st Vol. Old gent. now upwards of 80 y'rs of age. Engaged O.W.Daniels to work through hay ing and harvest for us the pres't season at \$16. pr month. Forgot to add in the mention of the above ride that some light articles were bo't on cr. at Swift & S's which amT'd to 26" - Booked. Borrowed N.Y.Amer. of July 6 & came home. On Wed'y if I mistake not Mrs Wolf & Mrs Parsons pick'd wool in the shed loft for Mrs Harwood. On Saturday eve'g Southworth paid us a short visit - H.Waters & O.W.Dan'ls tarried over night.

SUNDAY, JULY 11 Some cloudy - rained slightly about noon - very cool. Attended to dairy - wrote as usual when not too

BENNINGTON, SUNDAY, JULY 11 1830 much bound down by drowsiness - neglected turning cheese to accommodate in the writing department. The Daniels boys returned from a visit to their father's and bro't word that their bother Till could be hired in haying at \$5 pr month. Father & Lydia heard Mr Clark at the Sanctuary. We rec'd visits from our friends H.Waters & B.Sears - also from cous.I.B.Dewey. Young E.B.Day came up to see how he could purchase a pig of us - but we refused bargaining in any manner on this day. He promised to come up on Monday morning. His companion I did not know.

MONDAY, JULY 12 Cold E. wind & some rain. Young Day came up & purchased a fine pig - A litter - leaving an order signed by Stephen Dewey on Furnace for \$3.50 - dated June 24 1830 -and silver in change amount'g to 53½ cts - bargained for a second pig at \$2.25 - the first being \$2.50 as it was a real nice one - picked from among 24 - promised to come over next day with money to take up his order & pay for the other pig. Sylvanus commenced haying by mowing in litt. meadow & ab't the barn. Mr Peck wanted to purchase salt pork - we could spare none - Past noon I started for Algiers - M.A.Waters rode with me to capt.Waters' - Mrs W. & daughter Mary absent on a visit to the S. Left brass kettle with H.Clark at capt. Hills to be patched - capt H. made inquiry respecting our dairy, was surprised to learn that we numbered 30 cows. Had horse shod at Har. Norton's - price 78cts. Conversed with John Norton on various subjects - he did not like Jack-



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son much. Visited the house of Moses Bushnell - Mrs B. gave a good ac't of her husb'd who was coaling on the mountain - had almost made out my coals last Saturday but failed for want of time - probably would send a load the pres't week. Returning through Algiers received my kettle repaired. Bro't up Hi. Blackm's saddle & bridle which he lwft at Norton's when he wentharnessed his horse to a sulky - the beast being young Cheese this day weighed  $82\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 Pretty rainy - Mowing moderately pr S. threshing the last of our corn by father assisted by S. quilting by girls, & dairying and writing a long letter to G.P. Harwood pr self made up our chief business. My letter concerned the Stillwater business visit & affairs connected therewith. Elisha B. Day with his

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BENNINGTON, TUESDAY, JULY 13 1830 friend Gillson came up to get their pig, but E.B. could not perform his promise, begged to be trusted until Saturday when he certainly would pay without fail - so we complied, they taking away s'd pig leaving a balance in our favor over & above the order and money - amounting to 72 cts Paid in full to H. Clark 25 cts for mending brass kettle. H. Waters & B. Sears came down in the evening. To the latter lent \$13 and rec'd his note with use for the same payable the first day of Oct. next.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 We would say it was soundweather, and as to business do not recollect much of what was carr'd on, some ~~mo~~ mowing executed - a place prepared as a receptavle of coals - E. end of the shed - and a bill of goods, including 2 scythes, 1 snath & rub stone &c. amounting to \$3.39 bo't by me, accomp'd by Sylvanus at Swift & S's. Saw Haswell respecting calf skin from Barton's - found I should have to be put off another week.

THURSDAY, JULY 15 No inconsiderable quantity of rain fell - some pretty rousing claps of thunder were heard near night - had hay wet - Haying went heavily & slowly on. Cheese turned &c. Transacted business for H. Waters in the evening. Perhaps I am in error in regard to the weather on Wednesday, think it might have been a rainy morning

FRIDAY, JULY 16 Cloudy & warm. We made & got in a quantity of hay. My fair partner raked after cart on account of the necessary absence of father who attended a very vandid meeting of the Cong. Society of this town at which a large committee was chosen to inquire into the cause of the difficulty existing between Mr Clark & his people.

SATURDAY, JULY 17 Very hot indeed - So much of our hay as would do was drawn in. Or. W. Daniels assisted Sylvanus in mowing - they sometime past noon rode off together to Algiers and to the Furnace - returned, assisted at milking and in the eve'g with me & Tho's Kent drove S. of Jewett's - took a pleas't swim & ret'd home. Our load of 103 bhls coals was deliv'd late P.M. by the hands of M. Bushnell, towards which paid \$3.00 leaving \$2. due which I engaged to hand over ere long. Mr Rudd arrived from Stillwater this evening - Did business for H. Waters.



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BENNINGTON, SUNDAY, Another remarkably warm day, several small showers  
 JULY 18 of rain were spent upon our section of country to-  
 wards the close of the day. Nothing unusual. Fath-  
 er, Mr Rudd & our girls went to meeting. Mr Clark in concert with the  
 Clergy of like denomination thro' the country preached a Missionary Ser-  
 mon. Diadamia thought he did well. Mr R. found no particular fault, but  
 esteemed him rather lightly

SATURDAY, JULY (19) 24 19th very warm - some cldy - 20th extremely warm  
 21st continued most extraordinary on acc't of  
 heat; 22d great heat contin'd, perhaps not quite equal to days preceding,  
 more wind stirring; 23d thick & hazy, but not so as to obscure the sun  
 half the time - a great deal cooler than other days of this week - wind  
 blew up at times briskly; 24th poor weather for haying - at the same  
 time very warm - Powerful heat in the evening. On Mond. 19 commenced  
 haying in real earnest. Orrin W. & young Tillison Daniels entering our  
 service this morning - the former at \$16 - the latter at \$5 pr month -  
 Business went on very handsomely through the week. A stack of about 6  
 tons was built chiefly of clover hay, a few rods N. of last y'r's stock.  
 Our clover lot yielded say 5 tons. All the S. part of the S. mead. be-  
 yond the brook was gone over & another piece, E. side next Brown's line  
 was taken down - hay not got up - a dash of rain spoiled our fun. 23d  
 with Adeline & Hopkins rode up street - bo't goods at F. Blackmer & Co's  
 amounting to 96 cts on book - learned at the printing O. that Esq Bar-  
 ton had no calf skins finished - therefore visited F. Childs' shoe store  
 and bo't two halves, the one heavy & handsome, the other thin & light  
 for ladies wear, making a bill of \$2.44 - paid the cents and a note  
 due one day after date for the dollars. At Swift & Son's had belt, pills  
 and cott. yarn booked, am't of \$1.35 Borrowed a bundle of N.Y. Specta-  
 tors and drove home - S'd business was transacted on Thursday, 22d. Mr  
 Rudd left for home or wherever business might call on Tuesday. He paid  
 us a pleasing visit. We talked without coming to anything like a con-  
 tract, of hiring him to winter from 5 to 10 of our cows the ensuing sea-  
 son. This day 24th business made it necessary for me to visit the E.  
 part of the town - Bo't of A. Harwood 75 cents worth wheat at 7/0, had  
 the same ground without bolting for mother - Rode to the Furnace

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, Presented one of Dewey's orders for \$3.50 which  
 JULY 24 1830 was paid without hesitation - receipted it - See  
 July 12. The Co. took in a large hhd of molass-  
 es - 135 G's - bro't from Troy by the team of B. Squires driven by his  
 son John. Left \$1.50 with Mr Stiles to pay to M. Bushnell tow'd coals  
 accomp'd with a line informing that I had measured & found a deficiency  
 of more than ten bushels in the load forwarded me on Saturday last, ~~by~~  
 but as the quality appeared to be very good would willingly credit him  
 for 90 bbls - but must remain satisfied with the sum aforesaid until we  
 should see each other. I was told the colliers had become very slipper y  
 fellows. Saw E. B. Day & rec'd a renewed promise for the payment of 71  
 cts - balance due for pigs - as soon as he could procure the money -  
 See July 13 - Got mare's shoes set - pr H. Norton price 40 cts - rec'd  
 rolls at Voluntines - total am't of carding 49 ft wool \$2.94 - Came up  
 Street - called at Swift & Son's rec'd bunch of yard left there on  
 Thursday - heard the Doctor say Peter Green had left him and the place  
 for good - owed in a number of places - to a considerable amount.



Dr S. said he had been pretty careful - was about even with him - Did not perform much business after getting home - a remarkably warm night followed. Mr Daniels called a mom't on his way home from L.Sherwood's Hoosick about 9 in the evening. Our cheeses grew less in these hot days. Took much pleasure in the perusal of N.Y.papers.

SUNDAY, JULY 25 Remarkably light thin air this m'g - cl'ds thin. P.M.commenced a rumbling of distant thunder - wind breezed up - seemed more cool - heat having previously been pretty oppressive. Toward sunset there was a heavy shower before which the showers were but slight - no thund. in the eve. North American Review for Oct. 1829 - Article - Authorship of Junius' Letters - and N.Y.Spec. employed me most of the day. Had cheeses partially turned. Father visited the Sanctuary - Daniels boys all went home. Perused President Jackson's Message to Congress, May 27 1830 - disapproving the Maysville Road Bill - could not see but that he reasoned fairly & correctly - but seeing so small deceit played off in matters of great solemnity & Importance - and being myself a mere bungler in politicks - can hardly tell chaff from wheat.

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BENNINGTON, SUNDAY, Cous. I.B.Dewey & H.Waters visited as usual. U.M. JULY 25 Contin'd Robinson sent me a List of the Committee chosen a few days since at a meeting of the Cong. Society of Bennington, viz:-John Vail, Austin Harmon, Jr., Solo. Safford, Als. Squires, Jona. Hunt, Hiland Hall, Henry Kellogg, Hem. Robinson, Alva Rice, U.M.Robinson, Stebbins Walbridge. The death of Chauncey Langdon, Att'y at Law, was announced - was an old practitioner very honorable and persevering in his profession.

MONDAY, JULY 26 So rainy as to prevent making hay at all - could only mow between showers. I perused papers - visited town - M.Cobb rode up with me. Tried unsuccessfully to procure a patent right for Sylvanus to use in lieu of his scythe stone. Paid a lengthy visit at the printing office - employed myself in examining a Biographical notice of (the Life) the late James Sullivan, formerly gov of Massachusetts. In his youth he was deprived of the means by which a fine education is acquired - however, in riper years, perseverance & close application to studies, supplied every deficiency - He was born in Maine - have forgotten in what town. Visited friend D.Robinson Jr who conversed on several different subjects, among the rest the priest came up as a part - read extracts from letters or parts of letters very plainly showing how he had managed in former places where he was settled, what troubles he occasioned the good people, their manner of getting rid of him &c &c - squaring well with the character he has got up for himself in this town. Capt. D. viewed the leading measures of the Jackson Administration to be right, so much so as even to immortalize his fame & name to all posterity in the single instance of his withholding his signature to the Maysville Road Bill - but as to his Removals he did not esteem that part to be judicious - considered in the main - the present Administration must be supported. Came down to Kellogg's, Hall's office being full of court folks, borrowed several No's of the N.Y.Spectator & returned home. As I left Capt. D's uncle Will'd Green came in to consult on law business. This morning say past 10 o'clock a large cask was filled with cider - might say it contained 40 gall's & paid tow'd boys work, \$1 in money to T.Daniels, Pownal.



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BENNINGTON, TUESDAY, Great rain & thunder during last night - continued  
 JULY 27 unsettled and rainy by turns all day. Finished  
 cutting & setting up rye - built a short piece o  
 rail fence near the spring above the lane bridge W. of the house. Did  
 but little at haying. Mr Southworth came down & informed us that the  
 suit instituted in the name of Doct. A.McKee against S.Searls for the  
 collection of 80 cents due on his son W.H.'s school bill was decided by  
 Mr Justice Hubbell in favor of the former. Wrote for H.Waters this  
 evening. Mr S. generously refused pay for his services.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 Sheltering ourselves too much in regard to the  
 weather - had hay wet in the lower part of the S.  
 mead - at any rate had secured the main part which was safe in the  
 barn - say half a ton left out. Scraped milking yard. Parsons came up  
 to see us.

SATURDAY, JULY 31 On the 29th & 30th the weather proved bad for hay-  
 ing - the former was very rainy - the latter dull &  
 cldy - w'd N.E. - 31st fine fair day, got in all the hay we had out.  
 During Thursday & Friday & a part of this day mowing was performed in  
 the N.meadow and 2/3ds of our oats, which were dreadfully lodged (flat  
 to the ground, mostly) were cut, and after getting in the hay, were in  
 part bound & set up. Paid considerable attention to papers. H.Waters  
 came to view the ground here this evening. Must be pronounced an un-  
 commonly wet time

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 Rained powerfully during a part of the preceding  
 night - Warm day ensued - Spent much time in read  
 ing papers - wrote as usual for self & H.Waters, who besides visited us  
 as well as B.R.Sears & I. B. Dewey. Dan's boys all went home.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 On the 2d hazy - some cool - 3d fine - good hay  
 weather - 4th very fine & handsome. 5th continued  
 fine. 6th hazy, good for business. 7th heat very powerful indeed, fly  
 ing clouds, w'd S.W. Our business prospered tolerably well. Finished  
 mowing & getting hay in the N. & Litt. meadows - compleated harvesting  
 & getting in 1025 sheaves oats - of which had a fine crop - secured rye  
 2 loads only, lean crop, had 2 l'ds hay got up from the S. meadow and  
 1/2 days mowing pr O.W. & S.W. Daniels this P.M.

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, On Friday at noon young T.Daniels being unwell  
 AUGUST 7th 1830 went home, had played well his part up to that  
 time. This eve'g with Mrs Harwood visited L.  
 & Joanne Jewett - found their dairy in fine condition - made some in-  
 quiry into the dairy concern & were entertained with much information  
 from Mrs J. Mr J. and I talked of trying to have a district school  
 meeting called for the purpose of choosing a collector. Daniels' boys  
 accomp'd us & had a bathing frolic along with Fay's & Searls' boys. On  
 Wednesday the 4th, 7 o'clock A.M. Mr Jonathan Hastings Kendrick was mar-  
 ried to Miss Caroline, eldest of the children of capt. Elisha Waters by  
 Rev'd Daniel A.Clark - at the residence of said capt. Bridegroom 26,  
 Bride nearly 21 years of age. They started soon after the wedding for  
 Colraine, Ms., the place at which the groom's father resided, having a



new house lately compleated for their reception on their return. This P.M. visited the Safford mill, had 5 bbls Ind. corn gr'd - visited Swift & S's store - bo't pipes & tobacco to the am't of 7 cts cr. - went to Kelloggs office, borrowed more papers - heard J. Hubbell, D. Robinson Jr & Rich'd Carpenter talk over the minister subject &c. Attended an adjourned meeting of the Cong. Society to which their committee made an unfavorable report on their proceedings in reference to church & priest - freely and without reserve exposed the character of the latter - have not time further to notice this thing at present. Between 50 & 60 persons attended. Voted that a copy of said Address be presented to the Church and adjourned to the first Saturday in Sept. next. Borrowed of Dr N. Swift two dollars in money. Mr John Harwood during the latter part of the pres't week made up a parcel of ladies shoes for us. On the 3rd inst. Mrs Seaton presented her husband with a daughter - at the old Fay house. Poor woman has been bed-ridden for several years past.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 Sunday the 8th very warm & showery, got time to read papers besides writing the usual task; Monday, 9th., fly'g cl'ds, w'd N.W. not very favorable to haying but nevertheless the business was pursued successfully; Tuesday, 10th to Thursday, 12th sound fine weather. Finished off haying W. of the

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, central part of the S. mead where the grass yield AUG. 14 1830 ed much beyond expectation - cut nearly the same quantity of hay as in 1829 - Harvest light - scant 2 acres rye - light yield - About as many acres oats which yielded bountifully - See Journ'l Aug 3 1826, Aug 9 & 10 1827 - 5th & 6th same month 1828 - same date ~~1829~~ 1829; 6th do 1830. O.W. Daniels was in our employm't 22, his brother T. 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  days - whose wages jointly amt'd to \$19.40 - Former at \$16, latter at \$5 - both were really good - Settled these bills in short order. Friday 13th very fine never much surpassed. With my family, S.W. Daniels & Annis H. Parsons rode in the 2 h. wagg. to Mrs Clarissa Hill's, near the foot of Spruce Ridge, made a halt, tied horses securely, took some refreshm't, drank excell't water and accomp'd by Mrs H. & youngest daughter paid our respects to s'd ridge for the purpose of picking berries. Those two ladies strayed off by themselves leaving us to our own managem't. Our success being quite ordinary we tarried not long - mean time played a few tunes on the flute - enjoyed the fine prospect off N.W. Returned to the wagg. lost no time in being under way for home by the same route which we took in the morning - by Weeks' to Algiers, then turned off by wapt. Hills up by Lieut Safford's, Pratt's, Smith's & the Atwood farm. But few farmers had finished haying. Maj. L. Norton I was informed would compleat his this day - likewise Lieut S. in whose se4vice saw our old friend H. Dimick. Must mention a circumstance respecting Mrs Hills - She had torn down her former dwelling & erected another on nearly the same gr'd - had in it some forwarding - lived at pres't in her barn. On arriveing at the old homestead found the ladies of Mr J. Goodale, E. Montague, S. Montague & Mr Wiswall - daughter of Mr & Mrs G. Their husbands with the exception of S. Montague had been here and rode away again - Felt much disappointed in not having enjoyed their society - waited their return impatiently - at last the ladies declared they would tarry no longer, so started off on foot - not long after, it being nearly dark Mr G. and son-in-law drove up - Just had time to say



"How do'do" &c with me & my old lady & were away. The Ridge jaunt was almost too much for our good dairy woman - complained of headache & other troubles. Lydia & Diadamia were taken by surprise - nothing prepared for company - much agitation & running to & fro.

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On the 9th finding that the cheese made on the 6th was likely not to do well - little more than half of it was worked over & incorporated with that day's curd - the remaining half was served next day in like manner. When taken from the press the former weighed  $99\frac{1}{2}$  the latter 85 lbs. This morning 14th made settlem't with Orr W. Daniels for his own work & that of his brother. He had rec'd \$2. in money & I gave up his note for the Kelly cow - with int. \$13.20" - had paid his father in money & cider \$3.15 - amt'g to \$13.35 - their bill \$19.40 - leaving due from me \$1.05. Seeing McDaniels at Swift & Son's let him have the dollar's worth in a hat which he bo't there for his son Andrus, had the same charged to me on book. Sunday morning sent per S.W.D. the fraction Assisted in the dairy department during the A.M. A part of the P.M. attended the Public Examination of Mr Burnham's School - saw only a few classes go through their exercises in Geography, Chymistry, Arithmetic, History & Philosophy - wherein they were very expert - readily answering the most knotty & abstruse questions those sciences. The class in Phulos. was considered the foremost in this or almost any other institution. When these were ended Mr B. attempted to make an Address to his patrons & pupils, but finding himself too much affected, modestly retired - leaving the stage to H.Hall Esq who after complimenting the supporters of Bennington Academy and paying other respects to the audience gave information that W. H. Parker of Middlebury College, very highly recommended, would be the future principal of s'd institution. Miss Brownson to be associated with him - Left the Academy for Printing Office - saw a parcel of cheap flutes & fifes lately purchased & offered low for sale. Procured papers - came down to Kellogg's and borrowed the N.Y.Spect. of Aug. 10 containing news of the death of the King of Eng'd June 26th by arrivals at N.York on the 6th inst.- landing of the French in the neighborhood of Algiers, June 14th &c.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 Rained much during P.M. Differed not materially from other days of rest. Visited by I.B.Dewey and H.Waters. The papers furnished accounts of the appalling flood which happ'd at the N. & N.W. on the 26th July - some lives and a great deal of property destroyed

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 21st 1830

Mond. 16th some cool, contin'd cloudy; 17th to 21st very fair and fine with the exception of a few cold nights. Our business went on in pretty regular order - Father built upon old foundation ab't 9 rods stone wall on the Est. S.H.Br'n line. Sylvanus drew stone for that and a number of rods besides - plowed 2 acres oat stubble gr'd. I performed my usual dairy task at stated times, thrashed 11 bhls oats, of which 10 being mixed with 4 of corn was conveyed to the Saff'd mill on Wednesday - gr'd & bro't home. 19th & 20th erected a coarse shantee in which to deposit provender for hogs; 20th P.M. rode out in 1 h. wagg. -



left at Mrs Eldad Dewey's 16 lbs cheese - charged at \$1. tow'd bull hire - 4 lbs 7 oz more at wid. Godfrey's for rennet - waited upon our cous. Loan Dewey up to the Furnace where he tarried to make observations while I rode over to a house near the old Robinson Forge to consult with the people of Tho's Wiltsey respecting his daughter Margaret whether she could spin wool for us 3 or 4 weeks hence - On the morrow expected her home from I. Armstrong's - very probably she could come. Returned to the F. by the new road around the point of rocks, shunning the formidable Forge Hill so much dreaded by teamsters. Mr B. accomp'd me to Alg. Street where I left him & arrived here about dark. 21st worked up old wood - assisted Sylvanus in getting up, and placing for wall several large stones - P.M. assisted at cheese - late in the day rode up street, with M.A.Waters - visited stores & printing office while Mary A. was at capt. P.Dewey's. Bo't of F.B.& Co., 1 g. lamp oil 5/0 and bedtick binding for Damia - 55 cts - booked - borrowed 2 Spec's for myself & several no's of "The H. of Gr. Mountains" for Sylvanus - Came home accomp'd by Miss M.A. H.Waters arrived from Cambridge or Jackson, N.Y. where he was constructing a dwelling for a gentleman of that place. Mrs Ayres picked 27 geese - rec'd pork for pay. Montague, Aug. 10th pr order rec'd 1 bbl cider & 3 pigs, one of which was of the feminine gender - weighed enough to come to \$6.8" at 4 " pr lb.

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SUNDAY, AUG. 22 Cldy, rained slightly from the S. Thund'd & lightened at night - but little rain-fall here - it spent itself off at the N. & NE. Read papers & used the pen as usual. Father was too unwell to go to the Sancturary - were visited by our friends O. W.Daniels, Sam Duncan, L.B.Dewey, H.Waters & B.R.S.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23 Sultry, thund. & Light'g prevailed at the N. Stone wall & turning cheese engrossed our main attention. Mrs Wolfe had business in the weaver's depart't - s'd fr'd Parsons was sick.

SATURDAY, AUG. 28 Walling as mentioned on the 21st was pursued steadily up to Friday night making in length 21 rods on the E.Fay line S. of the upper brook. Sylvanus devoted some part of his time to cutting low bushes & pruning apple & other trees growing in the S. meadow. I was an assistant in the above business when not engaged in the dairy or on errands abroad which amounted to no more than going to mill, visiting stores & lawyers offices &c. On Friday Tho's Kent assisted at walling the whole day while I conveyed 2 bbls rye from Evans' on the Atwood place to mill for him. And a small article of blacksmithing performed by H.Norton, Algiers. Feeling quite anxious respecting the candidates up for Town Rep. held conversations with certain interested characters which however probably will fly off in light air. Of the two "Old Line" candidates I preferred the fair honorable character to the other - this was plainly given out to all who asked my opinion on the subject. Visited Court H. Hill, procured flour for Mrs Kent at S.H.Brown's - given gratis by Mrs B. - talked with J.S.Robinson about candidates &c - he kindly allowed me to take home 2 no's of the N.A.Review - came home - assisted in the dairy & in the eve'g read the Review This day (28th) the main farming employm't was mowing burdock bad weeds & Canada thistles. Had the pleasure of dining with Doct. F. Johnson



who had paid a visit to Mr G. Robinson in order to prescribe for the cure of his cancer on his under lip. Doct. J. gave us a few tunes on the flute in good style. P.M. went to the Saff'd mill for Tho's Kent - visited the office of H. Hall - saw the owner as likewise D. Rob. Jun., Boweb & fr'd Southworth. Attended an adjourned meeting of the Cong. Soc'y at which speeches were deliv'd by D. Robinson Jun., H. Hall, H. Kellogg & others all tending

SATURDAY, AUG. 26 to the same point, viz; how & in what manner mainly 1830. Contin'd. to get rid of our present pastor. After the meetin was informed that the Church contin'd to treat their (the committee's Report) with worse than indifference, a resolution was pass'd giving s'd committee power discretionary to publish to the world the doings of the Society, the Report & other documents setting forth the true character and some outlines of the past life of the Rev. Pastor - Adjourned one week.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 Fair, warm & dry - too dry for dairying to advantage - Devoted much of the day to that business - could not of necessity get rid of it - Looked at Review & pap&rs. Andrew Parsons 2d from Hoosick paid his respects to his aunt Sally. Waters & Sears as usual transacted business with me. On Friday, Miss Elizabeth, daughter of H.H. Fassett, departed this life in her 15th year after a long & painful illness - her remains were this day interred in the Burying Gr'd by the meeting house.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 4 From Aug 24 up to this date I was a careless observer of the weather. In the main it was dry - there were several very cool nights - and a few cold days particularly the 26 ult & the 2d & 3rd inst. On the last of those days there were gr't signs of rain which ended in clds, wind & a few slight showers. A part of the time included in the above review the weather was pretty warm & fair. Drawing stone for wall was followed from Monday 30th until Thursday 2d inst. On the former day rec'd a bad contusion on the ribs of the left side occasioned by the flying up of a pry as a heavy stone tolled back upon it after a fruitless attempt of the oxen to draw it over - which at the 2d pull was effected. Sept 3d the field occupied with oats the pres't seas. was sown with rye & the least of our fat hogs having been bargained to Doct. Johnson was butchered & handsomely dressed chiefly by Sylvanus late in the day. L. Jewett came up to see me respecting school affairs - must warn a meeting of the peop. of the Dist. Saturday week. Also rec'd a call from a N.Y. Quaker named Weeks accomp'd by Mr Carp and another gent. to see our dairy which he appeared to like. Offered to pay on

BENNINGTON, SEPT. 4 delivery at Troy, \$5. pr cwt & the usual price 1830. Contin'd. of casks, 25". Talked discouraging respecting the market which was likely to be glutted the pres't season, there having been an unusual large quantity made in all parts of the country. "Said a bird in the hand was worth two in the bush" - Answered that I was sensible of that, but would not be hasty in accept'g his offer - a week was allowed to make up my mind - believed I could do better. Mr Chandler rec'd a cask of cider containing 35½ gs.



Executed on Thursday, P.M. business for H. Waters who next day went to Jackson, N.Y. to work on Goodrich's job. Mary A. Waters on Wednesday or Thursday rode to Jackson in the stage on a visit to her friends there. The 4th was quite a day of business - the removal of cooking stove, which was afterwards set up in regular order at the homestead, removal of cheese press & other furniture from the lower to the upper house - Dogging, taking & confining the 4 sows which bro't up pigs - to fatten during the remainder of the season, confining, ringing and letting loose again those pigs with the exception of a ~~whol~~ow back one weighing 28 lbs which was shut up to save its life & looking up & bringing colts into their old pasture made out the greater part of the day. Sylvanus was chief actor in the hog play throughout, & there was no mistake. This morning Doct. J. had his pork weighed to him which he rec'd at \$6 pr hund. - weighed 240 lbs - we reserved no part - Rec'd his note due a sixty days from date without interest - said if he should get his money - as he had a faint prospect - he might pay it over within thirty days. I attended to the dairy as usual - & then, having a very long beard shaved off by a woman well acquainted with me, was ready for town - Before relating what occurred there would mention our receiving a visit from Miss Margaret Wiltsey, the young lady who was in our employm't in the seas. of 1828 - said she could not very well work for us the pres't fall - we must look elsewhere. Spoke to her about employing her next season - she made no objection. In town out meeting was not quite so numerously attended as on some previous days - and as H. Hall, D. Robinson Jun., H. Kellogg & others were not present, and the Church not yet having acted on the report of the Society Committee, it was

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thought best to adjourn 2 weeks when there would be a final disposal of the whole business - by that time the Committee would either publish or have affairs so arranged as to see a way provided for the dismissal of the Rev'd D.A. Clark. The Society having heard Remarks from capt H. Rob., L. Patchin Esq., & Sam'l Scott Esq., in temperate style adjourned as stated above. Those whom I recollect seeing there besides gentlemen just mentioned were - A. Kinsley, capt O. Abell, B. Squires, Sam'l & Saff'd Robinson, J. Starrin, E. Fillmore Esq, T.C. Parsons, P. & S. Dewey, Sam'l Chandler, I.J. Hendryx, Aus. Harmon Jun & perhaps A.D. Rob. the Rudds & of course Mr Chairman, Jona. Hunt. This eve'g rec'd a pleas't letter from cous. G.P. Harw'd, dated Arlington, Aug 22, 1830 - stating that his engagem't to Doct. Mc Kee would end on the 21st of the pres't month, desired me to see & converse with gov'r Tichenor about working 1 y'r for him at \$10. pr m. - At that price supposed he could save \$100 at the end of the year. It was anticipated by him that in one year from the time he first saw our house he should have that sum at interest. Mentioned his notes against me, would amount to ab't \$40., were left in a small box in the care of my wife, locked or nailed fast. If he returned here wanted a reply within two weeks - Desired me to visit Doct McKee along with my youngest sister, carry the flute in the bargain for the amusem't of the Doct. who was very fond of music & being him home at the date afores'd. The Doct. had just finished a large hay ing - say from sixty to 70 acres, and a harvest of 20 acres oats - employed a good many hands without the use of ardent spirit - much to the satisfaction of all parties. Overturned no loads, broke no bottles, performed more labor & executed it in better stile than with it, or say



than on the old S't Cr. plan. Their hay was all saved in fine order, having had 20 hay days in succession - Commenced July 12. Sept. 1st at Williams College - Commencement - seemed to cause rather an unusual stir among our young & some of our elderly people. A Caravan of wild animals was exhibited there which passed through this place from the north.

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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, Our Dist. School was closed on Friday the 3d.  
 SEPT 4th 1830 Cont'd Miss Loomis had given general satisfaction & it was my wish to have the school continued through the present month - spoke to fr'd Jewett to see her on the subject - said he would, but it appeared afterwards he did not, tho' he expressed the same opinion with me. Our Searls business had not yet been brought to a close - Execution had nearly run out - declared he would never pay &c. See Ap'l 1, 3d & 5th, July 5, 27. Great news from France - LaFayette at the head of Gov't &c. &c.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 5 Continued extremely dry - not much prospect of rain. Experienced no inconsiderable pain from ague in the right under-jaw front right side - swollen very much - contusion on ribs still quite inconvenienceously troublesome. However took pleasure in turning over some of my old Jor'l pages for May & 21st June, 1811, when the little tie created between me & a certain female was finally cut asunder. My composition, writing, spelling were miserably executed at that time - but am sorry it was not kept more private, which would have removed a restraint I was then under, and suffered me to state more particulars concerning that occurrence which would now be to me interesting. I have not the most distant wish that my fortune had turned differently - the partner with whom I was united in March 1815 is as near being what she ought as any other female the world could produce, taking into consideration all my oddities, faults & circumstances in life - in a word she leaves me nothing to wish on that score. But I must say I should like to peruse a decent, candid & simple statement of the facts relative to the above mentioned transaction merely as matter of curiosity. Laying aside this dry & uninteresting thing, amused myself reading papers & the N. Amer. Review for Jan. 1829 - Art "Flint's Geog. & His. of the Western States" - which gave instruction as well as amusement. Among our company here, would name O.W. Daniels for this day. Evening Mary A. Waters was waited upon home by her beau B.R.S. - she did not go to Jackson as talked of. Father this day attended Divine Service in the new meeting-house - E. Village. Lydia remained steadfast at the old Cong. house under the preaching of Dan. A. C. I might possibly enumerate more items of this day - but enough

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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, On the 6th there was some rain by light showers  
 SEPT. 11 1830 7th rained a good deal and I believe everybody was glad to see it, for the country had begun to suffer considerably - our cheeses grew less daily - 8th do not exactly recollect, think it continued raining by turns - foggy & cloudy all day - 9th., 10th & 11th became fine and warm - very favorable to all kinds of business. I would add that on the 8th it rained pretty soakingly during A.M. Our business may be summed up in few words - walling taking care of dairy, threshing oats, 14 bbls, which with 7 bbl corn &



and 10 of rye, conveyed to mill, ground, 25 mixed for hogs, remaining 5 rye, bolted for family use - Two fat hogs sold, butchered & carried off - the first lbs 306 $\frac{3}{4}$  to Lib. Barney, Sept 9th at \$6. - Note of \$18.40 due first of Oct. 2d lbs 276 to Burr'l Green, Sept 11th - Note \$16.20 at 60m days & same rate pr hund. On the eve'g of the 10th forwarded to Miss B. Loomis pr Delia her sist. \$10. public money - \$2.75 remaining unpaid - On the 9th borrowed \$4. in money of Doct. Swift to be paid 1st of Oct. 7th Rec'd \$5. in full of Benj. R. Sears for potatoes sold Apl 26th. On Tuesday Freeman's Meeting was very fully attended - not far from 600 votes were given in - there were three main candidates for Rep. to Assembly; S.H. Blackmer, I. Doolittle & U. Edgerton. J. Norton not considered a candidate rec'd 39 votes besides which there were said to be 14 scattering - Over all these Mr B. rec'd a majority of 49 votes Col. Merrill for Cong. & the Jackson ticket for Councillors obtained here a handsome majority. For very substantial reasons I was opposed to the election of fr'd B. nor would I consent to that of Mr D. - voted for N. & the Jackson Cong. & State tickets - as to the last felt pretty indifferently - never could have great personal regard for the hero, but considering his Administration as about as good as we can get concluded there would be no harm in giving it a moderate support. I think some as our friend D.R. Jun'r did - See July 1826 - The difficulty with my jaw continued from Sunday until Tuesday, P.M., my ribs contin'd sore up to the pres't date. Saturday P.M. came home late from Doolittle's mill - Burrel Green's pork was butchered by C.W. & S.W. Daniels assisted by father - Sylv. rode home with Orr. in the evening. The ladies rec'd the company of Mrs Dewey (Loan), Lydia House, Mrs Blackmer (Fr'k)

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SATURDAY, SEPT 11 Mrs Henry Saff'd & daughter - 2 yrs old - and cousins Lovina & Loisa Harwood. French news very interesting - F. Revolution the week ending 31st July - Algiers taken by France 4th of July. On the 8th inst P.M. went to gov. Tichenors to inquire as directed by cous. George. Found him engaged in conversation with I. Doolittle Esq - considerable was said respecting the election of S.H. - much was advanced against president Jackson who was denounced as an assassin, duelist, horse racer and anything but a statesman. After the exit of Mr D. and some business transacted between the gov. & deac. E. Safford I broached my subject, the result of which was that he would employ my cous. at \$110 for 1 year. Some few observations on other subjects ended the interview. On Monday I wrote a letter to R.H. Sawyer, Merch't N.Y. mainly to inform him on having a cheese dairy of 70 or 75 hund. which I talked some of carrying down to N.Y. in person - asked information of the market - requested his assistance in case I should venture with my stuff, and his opinion as to the policy of doing so. Forwarded s'd letter post p'd on Tuesday. Friday & this day T. Kent removed from our lane his app. brush. Maj. L. Norton obligingly furnished pr Damia the N.Y. Spect. of Sept 7th containing particulars of the extraordinary doings at Paris & the fall of Algiers.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12 Clouds rolling up from the S. made us prognosticate rain which was eagerly desired at this time. By giving the go-bye to a part of the cheese had time to examine papers concerning the funeral of George I.V. and many other articles. Wrote a reply to the letter of cous. G.P. Harwood (Sat. 4) Engaged to wait upon him home with some exceptions on the 21st. Sent s'd letter pr cous. Ed



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Robinson who paid us a sh't visit, to A.J. Haswell Post rider. Cous. I. B. Dewey also gave us a wall. Diadama, gallanted by Hopkins who performed the office of coachman paid her respects to cous. Polly Robinson who altho' more comfortable than she had been yet lay very weak & low. Father went to meeting in Slg. H. Parsons & sisters and another young lady came out from Hoosick - were here a very short time.

MONDAY, SEPT. 13 Signs of rain contin'd. Old pastures were much dried up. Walling contin'd by father & Sylv's. until noon I

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BENNINGTON, TUESDAY, was engaged in weighing and otherwise assisting O  
SEPT. 14 1830 W. Daniels in conveying to his father's, the house of N. Eldred, two young female swine, the least of which weighed  $56\frac{1}{4}$ , the other 70 lbs, charged him 125 lbs at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cts or rather rec'd his note for \$4.38 due 2 months from date, gave him a chance of paying it in transporting cheese to Troy. Called on old Mr & Mrs E - talked very lively for a few maments - the former I think said he was 89 years of age last March. Prepared, Aug. 16 1777, to go to Battle but was ordered with others to form a sort of guard at the 'Dug Way' in Pownal, to prevent mischief from Tories who might come in from that quarter - Said a few words to Mrs Daniels - promised her a longer visit on some future occasion - left Or. & his father preparing pig pokes for their new comers - halted a mom't to see our cous. Mrs Duncan, found her well & in good spirits. Made rather a long stop at Maj. L. Nort's, conversed on European Politicks, borrowed 2 No's of N.Y. Spec. Spoke with young Fenton to let him know that I had a small demand, 35 cts school tax, against his brother of Dorset on which I had advanced the pay - S'd he would inform him of it - Got home past noon & learned that our respected friend W.E. Brayton Esq had been here & viewed the dairy which he liked very well, but was not prepared to say what price he could pay for it - would write in season to give me a chance to dispose of it as I might think proper. He advised to get casks ready in season. Loaded up stuff to carry to the Cooper's - didn't however go, but spent the remainder of the P.M. with father & Sylvanus. Doct. Swift (N) who had walked to Mrs Billings' being on his way home, seated himself & conversed awhile with us - related some hard things concerning a man whose name shall not appear here whose residence & occupation would entitle him to a better character if facts were not such "stubborn things". The doct. looked at dairy - promised to write concerning it to a merch't in Boston, paid his respects to Mother & departed.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14 Fresh breeze from S. which occasioned a shower late in the eve'g. Father & Sylvanus finished walling for the pres't, compleated exclusive of bars 41 rods - such as described under date of Aug. 21st. I conveyed stuff for cheese casks to Mr Fuller's with directions to make 20 of them - thus - 1, 22 inch

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SEPTEMBER 18 two 21's, eight 20's, as many 1 g's & one 18 - had on  
1830 hand 6, five of which were 18's. Dined at Mr F's - Came home by way of uncle Sam'l Rob's, paid a short visit to cous. Polly - committed a very natural blunder on entering her room which was a little darkened for her convenience, by addressing a female figure seated in a chair opposite the door through which I found my way mistaking Miss Emily Sears for her - this however was suffered to pass off unnoticed. Cous. P. was not able to sit up - kept her bed constant



ly, had a bad cough - much reduced - but still kept up good spirits - conversed cheerfully - was glad to see me - wanted to have me call oftener - promised I would. Came on to the printing office - took Gazette and returned home. Bargained away 1 cheese to M.L.Selden at  $4\frac{1}{4}$ ". This eve'g practically agreed to sell the House cow which was in prime order to W.Wadsworth at \$20. Dr Swift gave credit for 14 lbs cheese, not quite first quality, at 6"

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15 Fine cool air, flying clds - a quantity of rouen was mowed by Sylvanus. Stack fenced P.M. by him & me. Father rode off on business, visited cous.Polly & went to Mr Nathan'l Hall, engaged 6 bhls wint. wh't for seed at \$1.25". Sold the House cow for \$20. in note signed by Wm Wadsworth due with use on the first of Nov. Sent to M.L.Selden 37 lbs cheese at  $0/4\frac{1}{2}$  payable within 30 or 40 days. O.W.D's st'd here this eve'g.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16 Clear & very cool, w'd N. Cutting up corn was hotly pursued & finished - weeds numerous & tall. Orn Daniels worked for us nearly all day, say  $3/4$ 's - Rouen taked & heaped - that was my chief emply't. Partially or conditionally bargained away another fat hog to Michaels of Furnace Gr'd had his lady with him who was formerly Miss Sally Ripley.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17 Large frost this morning - killed vines &c. Corn all drawn off, as I was going to write; not so, but nearly as good by Or. & Syl. bound by father & me who pulled a part of the luxurient growth of beans which grew on this field. Betsey Loomis deposited her School Bill in my hands - 20 w'ks \$30. - \$11.25 out would leave due her \$11.25 - \$18.75 - perhaps I have not stated it exact.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18 It was this morning, not 17th that our gr't fr't happened. Cornfield cleared, with the exception of pumpkins & potatoes. Orr & Parsons too assisted - Great yield of beans which however were not ripe.

BENNINGTON, SATURDAY, in many instances. Daniels' boys butch'd fat  
SEPT. 16 1830 hg which was divided after being handsomely  
dressed and conveyed to the Furnace accord'g  
to engagem't with Michaels who had sent a line which was procured by Hopkins at F.B.& Co's this morning, specifying he was going to be joined by his fr'd Fred'k Eddy in buying - but when our young men went over - it being about dark, those gent were absent not expecting its arrival - were informed that a note signed by C. Gilson, due 60 days from date would be sent me - Pork wg'd 263 lbs which at \$6. would amount to \$15.78. Cous. N.L.Robinson left here this morning - wanted to buy pork and as I went accomp'd by friend Parsons, to our final Cong'l S. meeting, of which I must take another opportunity to speak, made market for one more fat hog at the same rate as above - to Robinson & M.L.Selden, on Tuesday next. Visited Post Office where saw Col Merrill, Mr Hunt & Heman Robinson - pronounced no choice for Gov. of Vt. Came down to Dr Swift's store - transacted some unimport't bus. there & accomp'd by Ed. H. as far as his residence at the old Homest'd returned latish or some time after dark to this house. Talked sentimentally & friendly with fr'd Ed. on the satisfaction which arises from close application to



business &c &c. Found fr'd Southworth here who tarried all night - lively & full of chat as we say. Saw Wadsworth who said the cow weighed a little more than 600 - considered her a fair bargain on both sides. Put 4/0 in the h'ds of EL Fillmore Esq to buy 1 bhl plaster for us at Troy. Understood that our good fr'd Searls had paid the demand against him. Finally respecting our meeting this evening - it was too thinly attended for the importance of the business to be disposed of. Mr Hunt not appearing in season, D. Robinson Jr was appi'd Chairman pro tem. Mr H. Hall bro't forward some resolutions which for want of memory I cannot give literally or substantially. They went to show that the Society had ever assisted in the settlem't of ministers & ought to have a right voice in dismissing them, that the conduct of Mr Clark had been such as to absolve them from every moral obligation to pay or support him any longer, and that the committee as a last effort to open the eyes of the majority of the church should cause a printed copy of their Rep'ts to be put in the hands of every male member of that Hon. Body

after this if they contin'd to slight the voice of the Soc'y then to go forward & publish to the world a candid statement of facts touching the character of the Parson & the doings of the Society. A resolution was added touching the proprietorship of the house so as to ascertain the proportion of time that would fall to those who were opposed to the present pastor. To these Resolutions Mr Kellogg was considerably opposed - spoke earnestly. On the other hand they were strenuously supported by the proposer and followed by U. M. Robinson, D.R. Jun'r and Mr Hunt. The Resolutions were finally adopted and the meeting adjourned without day.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19 Frosty & cold in the morning, cl'dy. Father went to meeting in Algiers & caught a bad cold. Was so fully occupied as to prevent me from reading much.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 On Monday, 20th, cool & cldy, w'd N.; 21st fair, flying clds, cool; 22d cldy, pleas'tly warm; 23rd contin'd cool & cldy; 24th S. wind, rain expected; 25th contin'd the same with increased signs of rain; on the 20th father was ill - Sylvanus cleared the field of pumpkins. I fussed with the wagg. & in my dilatory way prepared to go to Arlington - they kept saying I would not reach there today - to which I made some angry replies. To make the story short - started in 1 h. wagg. for Doct. McKee's, Arlington, ab't 1 P.M. - distant 18 miles from Benning'n C. House - arrived there, after a pleas't ride, about sunset - found cous. G.P. Harwood in usual health - Doct's family so likewise - Doct. himself absent on professional business. W.H was amusing himself with a long pistol with a percussion lock, made by a Mr Marble whom I saw there, he having come down from his mountain residence in Sunderland by request of the doct's boys to assist in trapping for bears which were now very troublesome among the sheep - By request played the flute, but it was rather drily. Lodged in the same room with Mr M. who said he learned his trade, blacksmithing, of Sam'l Harvey, Bennington where he resided until 21 years of age. Conversed much with Mr M. who seemed to be a person of some intelligence - had paid no slight attention to chymistry - was low, I suppose, in property. The man was lame from some rheumatic complaint.



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On the morning of Tuesday, 21st., the weather after the dispersion of fog and clouds being pretty pleas't walked out to view the Doct's farm which stretched upto the N. to Sandgate line - a distance of not much less than 2 miles, comprising ab't 300 acres pretty good mountain lands. Cous. Geo. & Wm H. accomp'd me. Saw 2 men building wall - we viewed the flock consisting of 250 or 300 h'd good sheep. Ascended by a steep road to a pasture of 75 acres high on the mount. from which there was an extensive view of the hay stacks of Sandgate, the great mountains in the neighborh'd & the vale of the Batt.Kill. Saw a few h'd of young cattle and horses which looked well altho the feed was short - Returned to the house, dined, cous. G.P. made settle't with the Doct. by which he was entitled to the sum of \$59. for which he rec'd a note on demand - to give ten days notice of his want of it - packed duds & were off - cous. G. Receiving some pretty good advice from the Doct. on parting. The Doct. complimented me handsomely for kindness to his son while teaching school in this Dist. - Left past 12 o'clock, and arrived here before sunset. Rec'd my note as agreed upon on Saturday from Eddy & Michaels signed by C. Gilson. Uncle S. Robinson & M. L. Selden assisted in butchering & rec'd the pork of a fatted hog weighing 291 lbs at 6 cts pr lb - entered on acc't B. as divided between them under this date. Sylvanus had commenced plowing corn gr'd for sowing wheat, very bad on acc't of weeds. On Wed'y the plowing just mentioned was contin'd - potatoes were dug in the field. I tinkered wagg. during A.M. At noon our uncle Jared Dewey with his lady arrived from Hopkinton in good health - very welcome guests P.M. rode to W. p't of the town & rec'd 1 bhl plast at Starrin's as agreed upon with E. Fillmore on Saturday - posted by way of Mr Harmon's and the Henderson place to the Irish Corner - called on Mr Fuller to see how they succeeded in making casks - said they should not have stuff sufficient to make more than 14 - agreed that they would furnish stuff for two or three - Mr F. not present. Continued my route to N. Hall's where rec'd 6 bhls wh't as agreed

to on the 15th - Not a frirst rate bargain - grain some smutty. Borrowed of Swift & Son \$7. in money to be paid first of Oct. Our fr'd Mr Vail paid our dairy a visit - s'd himself & fr'd Breese intended going down to N.Y. with their dairies themselves - spoke discouraging about price. Cous. G.P. was so ill of mumps as to be obliged to send for Dr Chandler who by bleeding & giving pills produced a salutary effect. Cous. M.A. Waters returned from her uncles much out of health

THURSDAY, 23rd      The usual rounds were attended to, turning cheese &c  
Sylvanus & Hopkins contin'd plowing. Late in the day with my old uncle rode to the S.p't of the town collecting school money, not very successful, visited Mrs Billing & Mrs Dewey - the former born in 1745 according to a copy of an original record in the handwriting of the late Hon. David Fay, executed in 1789, Saw Mrs House - informed her of the am't of S. tax against her husb'd \$2.10" which she said should be paid ere long - some conversation ensued respecting McK. School Com. &c &c Mrs Dewey stated that her age was one year short of my mother's which of course proved that she was born A.D. 1767. Uncle Jar'd saw at H's Nels Duncan - spoke with him - on our coming up the road to Jewett's saw the father of N. Dunc. to whom was introduced our



venerable friend - they conversed together while I ret'd to J. Ayres' to see if he could pay his S. rate - was not ready - Returned again to Jewett's. Miss E.J. paid her bill - 91" - in a one doll. bill - could give no change, suffered to remain so until another day. Rec'd pay in full of Mrs Abigail Smith \$1.45 - on Miss L's S. Bill - those were the only persons that paid. Arrivere after dark. I.B. Dewey spent a part of the day with us.

FRIDAY, "§ 24      6 bhls wheat sown - Sylvanus & myself were employed with teams & harrows brushing it in - Sent Syl's to Fuller's and procured 16 ch. casks, of which two they furnish stuff for.) Abundance of company was present - Mrs Duncan, Mrs Eldred & not to forget Mrs P. Waters. (Mistake respecting casks as to date - it being on Saturday) So many distracting notions in my head as to prevent recollection of many incidents that occurred during these busy days.

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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY,      Completed sowing 4 acres wheat - Sent to Fuller's for casks - returned with 16 - two of (OCT.) SEPT 26 1830      which they furnished stuff for. P.M. with uncle Jared & lady visited & viewed the Furnaces & appurtenances - the old one being in blast.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26      Rainy in the early part of the day, pleas't & cool P.M. Spent a part of my time in the dairy - Recollect but little what took place. Ben R. Sears p'd me \$13 dollars and took up note - deferred interest - 16 cents - until another day when H. Waters would pay it for him. I.B. Dewey, O.W. Daniels & others paid their respects to us. H. Waters was one of our guests.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27      Cool, S.w'd cl'dy Dairy & other affairs busied us during A.M. - Dug potatoes P.M. Sylvanus drew fluxing from below House to the Furnace for his brother orren. Uncle Jar'd & lady started for Stockbridge, Ms., H. Waters paid me the money which I lent him on the 30th of last June with interest up to Oct. 1. Forgot to mention the item coming from B.R. Sears - The note was dated 30th of June - money delivered July 1st.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 28      Rainy in the morning, very cool and chilly, wind N. Sylvanus was employed as above - we dug potatoes - assisted some by cous. G.P. Mr Breese came to see me about buying cheese - offered me \$6. pr hund. payable immediately on his return from N. York provided I would deliver it in Troy by Friday morning. 10 o'clock. Did not know what to say - his terms I considered as fair as the times would allow, but as Mr Brayton had given us encouragement in regard to buying - felt as if I must see or hear from him previous to making any other bargain - and that was not all - B. insist'd upon its being delivered as just stated - which was a condition I could hardly comply with. Before making this proposal he tried to encourage me that I had better go to N.Y. with it myself, but I would not venture - felt afraid to try my luck. We commenced this day keeping our cows in the S. mead. Friend Sam'l H's board fence was reduced to crotches & rails on our E. line - by the hand of neighbor G. Adeline M. Harwood this day 14 y'rs of age.



BENNINGTON, WEDNESDAY, Clear & pretty cold - High wind from the N.  
 SEPT. 29 1830 Rode to Adams, N.Village - visited our friend  
 W.E.Brayton whom I found in his back store  
 casking cheese. Concluded a bargain with him to receive our cheese in  
 two parcels - the first as soon as I could get it off - the second tow'd  
 the end of Oct - at \$6. - delivered at Silliman & Mann's, Troy. He en-  
 gaged to forward me or would arrange it so as to pay me at Benningt. B  
 B'k \$100 as soon as he should effect the first sale of cheese. It was  
 first mentioned by him that the first parcel should consist of about 90  
 cheeses, but afterwards I obtained leave to send as many as I might  
 think were fit for market - being restricted only as to age which he de-  
 sired to be not less than one month. Dined alone in the kitchen, the  
 family already having been to dinner - A young lady of smallish statue,  
 very active & smart withal, daughter of Esq B. as I conjectured, waited  
 upon the table. Saw another young lady spinning at a gr't wheel. Be-  
 fore the completion of our business our fr'd had to be absent awhile. I  
 improved the interval in reading the "The Constellation" published at  
 N.Y. by Doct. Green, in which there was a sort of "Jonathan/ Yankee  
 Story" which was quite amusing. There was a young man present who spoke  
 of having done something at surveying for the Public on Highways - could  
 get little or nothing for it - said he was a practitioner of Physic -  
 and had been up three nights successively. Past #3 P.M. made the best  
 of my way home on the river road the same by which I went down. One cir-  
 cumstance I would mention - and that is Esq B. had nearly compleated a  
 new brick dwelling standing between his house and store which he calcu-  
 lated to rent. Arrived here sometime in the evening - found our uncle  
 & aunt once more on the gr'd - Saw Stockbridge friends all in usual  
 health.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30 Fine day indeed - improved in digging potatoes.  
 Uncle J. looked about town some. We rec'd late P.M  
 the company of E. Montague & lady with their brother-in-law Mr Strong  
 and his wife, formerly Hannah Montague, now upw'd of 22 y'rs old and the  
 mother of a very fine daughter months old. They resided in W.Happ  
 ton, Ms. In the early part of the day I visited

on a variety of business - among other concerns took occasion to in-  
 quire of Doct. Gilbert if Mr Coon against whom Miss B. Loomis had a  
 school bill amt'g to little more than \$1.17 had any demand on him - as  
 I had learned from him to that effect. The Doct. said nay or no - pre-  
 sumed the fellow owed him. Reborrowed the steely'ds of capt. J.Hicks  
 which were yet at our house. Saw & Informed Doct. N.Swift that my pay-  
 ments were coming due in such a way as to disable me from paying him  
 money before his going to N.York the present season - did not seem to  
 relish that very well - saying I might as well put off paym't until  
 next May - but appeared finally to acquiesce in it nearly quite calm'y.  
 Bo't of F.B. & Co., 20 cts worth of rope.

FRIDAY, OCT. 1 Very fine indeed - We made it our principal business  
 to weigh & cask cheese. Before I forget it must men-  
 tion making settlement with cous. G.P.Harwood, to whom found myself in-  
 debted for the use of \$39.68" within the last 11 months - it being in 3



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different notes of diff't dates about \$1.50 to be paid in needle work - paid the fraction and signed note for \$39. due six months from date which was Sept. 30 1830. Business was promptly attended to - everything conducted in regular order - Weighing with Dearborn's Pat. Balances 103 cheeses - making an aggregate of 6447 lbs. Uncle Jar'd & lady started for home - took leave in a very solemn manner - calculating never more to see us this side the grave - I, however, would have it go so but determined to stick to the notion that we should again meet in this world. Friend Mc Kee came to persuade cous. G.P. Harwood to go with him to Arlington to work for his father, but he was too late - G.P. had waited until a late hour in the morning for his appearance and in despair of his coming had hired to Maj. L. Norton for a few weeks. Mr Worden & lady with a smart infant boy on their return to Russell, N.Y., from Halifax, Vt., where they had spent a few days among their friends - gave us a call on acc't of Mrs Ashley, formerly Miss S. Waters, to whom they were neighbors in R - A letter & presents were borne by these persons to her. Twenty casks cheese were weighed & balances returned to Swift & Son. This morning I executed some writing for cous I. B. Dewey it being an account against a Mr Saunders, Hop., N.Y.

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BENNINGTON, SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 2d 1830

Fine & handsome indeed. Had casks painted elegantly & accurately through pasteboard on which I had obtained an impression of figures and letters at the printing office by a son of D. Clark to whom I engaged a few apples by way of compensation. Sylvanus threshed sixty sheaves pats, painted some of the casks, repaired waggon &c &c. Cous. G.P. performed a part of the painting - Adeline cut out the letters and figures - executed a share of painting. P.M. visited S. Loomis & engaged him to go with a l'd of cheese to Troy. Transacted business concerning school bill with Miss Betsey, handed in \$1. paid by Mr Morton - Settled & p'd my own bill which amt'd to 91 cts - conversed with the old gent & lady who were in good health. M.A. Waters was taken very ill this evening - cous. G.P. procured the medic. attendance of Dr Bigelow. It must be understood that our cheese was weighed, excepting in cases where the w't exceeded 400 lbs after being previously casked.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

Cold, N. wind, followed by frost - So much occupied with affairs foreign to reading that very little time could be devoted to it. Wrote letter & bill to Esq Brayton to inform him in what manner the cheese had been weighed with some remarks in my way on the subject - wishing him success so as to encourage him to buy again. My bill was exactly copied from the figures on the heads of the cheese casks - Supposed our w't to have been correct. Nobody went to meeting. Dr Bigelow visited Mary Ann - s'd he had purchased our preacher Clark's stand for \$1000. Or W. Daniels paid his respects to us.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

Frosty morning - pleas't wind N. Potatoes were dug In town borrowed \$8 of E.H. Swift for a sh't time. Saw S.C. Raymond along with S.H. Brown, laughed at me respecting my price for butter. Messrs Daniels & N.L. came on to take in their loads ready for an early start - Mr Dan's was ill in some measure - Apportioned loads to each - Loomis, 1726 lbs - Harwood, 1737, Dan's 2242, Rob. 1262 lbs.



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5 Very fine, warm, dry & cldy. Loomis rallied very early - an early breakfast was provided & all hands were off in fine season. Paid Cous. N.L.Rob. 50 cts tow'd carrying load - remainder to be paid in apples. Beans & cheese engrossed our attention.

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BENNINGTON, WEDNESDAY, Really fine - Gr't want of rain - remarkably  
OCT. 6 1830 dusty. Sylvanus ret'd from Troy by a litt. past 11 A.M. Bo't 10 G's Molasses, 6 bhls salt, 1 G'll lamp-oil and 3 lbs coffee - all amounting to \$8.94 charged to me at O. & A. Arnold's. Corn & beans occupied our attention - Visited town & rec'd on Haswell's note \$36.00 - Rec'd for G.P.Harwood pr the ~~h~~ hand of J.J.Haswell from Doct. A. Mc Kee the sum of \$60.00 in bills. Walked to the Bank and paid in \$75. - renewed note for \$100, thirty days. E.H.Swift endorser. Saw John Stevens there - also one of the Stratton's.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7 Continued dry, dusty, fine & pleasant. Digging potatoes was warmly pursued. T.Kent assisted.

FRIDAY, OCT. 8 Signs of storm were perceived - Same business continued. T.Kent again on the gr'd.

SATURDAY, OCT. 9 The rain commenced late in the day - became pretty powerful in the evening. We nearly compleated digging potatoes of which there were likely to be not much short of 400 bhls - of these we would say there were produced in the N. Orchard 350 bhls. A quantity (of) of corn was put in the barn & some husking done. T. Kent assist'g. Uncle Sam'l Robinson paid us a short visit - cousin Polly no better - not however in much distress. Late at night H.Waters arrived from Jackson, N.Y. on foot - wet as a drowned rain. Weighed cheese in the dairy room - 25 ch's - made late in Aug up to Sept 21 - making an aggregate of Lbs 1241. Whole quantity there made it good up to 1600 lbs. Our cows since being in the S. mead. Sept 29 were yielding a fine quantity of milk - now reduced 28 in number making from 55 to 60 lbs cheese daily.

SUNDAY, OCT. 10 Pleasant & mild. Wanted to read papers, but so much other business came in my way as to keep me from it. Hiel & Henry Parsons were here from Hoosick. Friend Chatfield & little boy visited us late P.M. H.Waters' and I. B. Dewey were guests here late in the day.

MONDAY, OCT. 11 Very pleas't, warm & fine. Potatoes all dug - amounting to 400 bhls - Wint. app's were gath'd, much more scarce than usual. I rode up to capt. Hicks' and returned

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BENNINGTON, OCT 12 1830 the big steelyards. Put in the hands of A.J. Haswell for G.P.Harwood his note against Doct. Mc Kee, Arlington, for \$59.57 leaving due the latter forty three cents which was sent with s'd note. Visited the printing office & Doct Swift store. Drove to the grist mill to buy wheat, but they had none. Called on my friend James Harwood - made settlement & paid him \$8. - lacked 21 cts of balancing acc'ts, which was sent next day by the hand of fath



er to his brother A. at the mill. Settled with John Harwood to whom was due \$1.63 - paid \$1. only. Next called at the house of Mr Eph Coon to collect school money. The man was from home - after inquiry of his lady whether he appeared engaged in trying to pay - to which she replied affirmatively, informed her that he must forward it as soon as possible - wished not to have trouble about it, which if he delayed he might expect ere long. Came from Hunt's on the New Road to the Gov. Rob. bridge Turned up by the seat of the old Gov - stopped a mom't to talk with capt. Heman who app'd to be gathering wint. app's - drove forw'd to Swift's store - transacted some business there, and got home just noon. P.M. rode to the W. p't of the town - Fayette Dickinson passenger as far as Starin's. Bo't of Ira Armstrong 5 bbls wint. wheat at 6/9 paid down - Conversed a little on the removal of the Troy road so as to save the present line hill. He knew it ought to be done but felt as if he must be compensated for the injury he would sustain in that case. Transacted more store business & arrived here by a short time after sun down.

TUESDAY, OCT. 12 Very warm & pleas't - dry - w'd South. Father went - 5 bhl rye strong added to the wheat above mentioned Sylvanus & myself were busily occupied in laying a floor for apples until past noon - No inconsiderable share of time was taken up in tearing down what was erected on the 2d Dec'r 1829. Cider mill raised in part. Messrs Levi & Elijah Smedley arrived from Heesiek Williamstown - the former assisted in raising said mill. Frank Walbridge & lady recently wedded, came to pay cous. Mary Ann a visit. I travelled S. to L. Norton's - paid 55 cts cash due cous. G.P. Harw'd. Had with me a written form by which as cl'k of this Sch. District I was solicited to notify & warm a meeting of the inhabitants of s'd Dist. as soon as might be - got it signed by Maj. Luman, his son Julius & Pitts Godfrey.

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BENNINGTON, OCT. 14 1830 Posted up at the School House a notification purporting that a meeting would be holden at that place on Thursday the 21st inst., 6 o'clock P.M. consisting of the inhabitants of the Dist. to choose a Moderator, Committee & Collector. Saw & spoke with uncle E. Fay as I was returning from the S. house - he could hear remarkably well - My papers, the first dated on the 9th the last on the 11th Oct., were intended to be according to law.

A council of Clergymen and deacons pretty numerously attended from the neighboring towns sat this evening to see if there were cause for the dismissal of the Rev'd Dan'l A. Clark from his pastoral charge in Bennington. They very unanimously agreed to dismiss him. Thus is closed this man's tyrannical career in this place after an unhappy ministry of about 4 years and about 4 months. Hopkins went to L. Barney's - bro't me \$18.40 in full for pork.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13 S. wind - cldy - rain expected - Rained P.M. & evening. Smedley's visited Capt. P. Harwood and family. Late in the day conveyed Diadamia to uncle S. Robinson's - paid respects to cous. Polly who remained much as she had been. Saw & conversed with cous. Nathan & his father. Proceeded by new road to the Doolittle road mill & bro't thence grists of wheat & rye as mentioned on Tuesday. About 9 bbls beans were winnowed & bro't from the barn. Some corn drawn in. O.W. Daniels returned from Troy whence he carried from me in letters to O. & A. Arnold & J.V. Powelson money - the former \$15., Bennington, the latter \$10. Lansingburgh. Arnolds said they had

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no accommodations for carrying passengers - referred me to the St. B. N. London which would board & carry to N.Y. for \$2. Orren had the misfortune to lame himself by turning his right foot under on his way out. Doct. Pros. Armstrong accidentally overtook him at the time the accident occurred - assisted him in his way - but nobly refused pay.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14 Rained, thund'd & light'd powerfully in the morning from S.W. - warm & some showery afterwards. Very good rain. Some corn was drawn in, husking done, app's gathered &c. Uncle Sam'l & cous. Nathan procured app's for themselves - assisted in raising cid. sweep. T.Kent worked for us. Lieu't Safford came over to see Orren respecting his horse which appeared to have been injured some way in his service.

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✓ BENNINGTON, FRIDAY, This morning we heard the shocking intelligence OCTOBER 15, 1830. that Alonzo Stiles - Principal Agent of the Furnace Co was yesterday morning violently thrown from a one horse wagg. before which he was driving 2 horses tandem - he survived the shock but  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours - being 24 years of age - thus he fell in the midst of his day. More rain & thund. this morning and slightly so P.M. Sweet app's were gathered - 10 bbls sent in the evening to B.R.Sears pr S.W.Daniels. T.Kent assisted in business this day. Mr Daniels Sen'r being this way to get home, Orren's wagg. with oxen & horse, was suddenly taken ill at Parsons' - sent Sylvanus for a physician - returned with Doct. Chandler who afforded relief by bleeding & in some other medical manœuvre - did well. Our cousins Smedley's & ladies returned from yesterday to their residence in Williamstown after dining here.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 Pretty good fall weather. Father was some unwell but able to assist T. Kent & me in drawing corn & cornst'ks out of the N. meadow which we saw cleared ready for pasturing cows after which endeavored to clear Clark's orch'd but had not time. Sylvanus attended training as did cous. George P. Artillery Co. fired their gun repeatedly. Paid Sylvanus this day towards his fifty dollar contract of Dec. 1828 - \$5. - to Doct. Swift & Son \$8. borrowed & \$21. on acc't by the hand of S.W.Daniels. Lydia p'd a visit to cous. P.Robinson and returned accomp'd by Diadamia - at night.

✓ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 Pretty pleas't if I mistake not. The remains of Mr A.B.Stiles were interred with all due solemnity. A powerful sermon was delivered on the occasion by President Griffin - his text was chosen from Ecc'l Chapp. 9 v. 12 The concourse of people who attended was said to be very great - Most of the members of our family turned out - I made an effort to do so, but failed. Mr Session of Albany preached in the evening.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 Mild, wind S. Gathering apples was vigorously pursued - assisted by Orr W. Daniels. Completed the business in C's orch'd and then commenced in the upper orch'd.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 S. w'd & cldy - rainy if I rightly recollect. Contin'd same business in the young orch'd. Daniels on the gr'd.



WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20 Some errors are committed as to the weather - wet & rainy on Monday - wind E. - 19th continued cloudy & a little rainy.

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BENNINGTON, Twentieth, S. wind or some other wind, mild. Finished off gathering fruit in the young orch'd. No OCT. 20 1830 I am incorrect - it was on the 19th we completed getting fruit in the young orch'd, and next day, which was rainy, in the evening - even a heavy short shower that the main gathering of fruit in the home orch'd was effected - Tho's & Reub. Kent being in our service but not all day. Friend Southworth came down in the evening & talked very pleasantly. This day I hired for Dist No. 2 an Instructor for the school - to teach during winter at \$11.00 pr month - This gent appeared well - said his name was Wight. Will Daniels bore down hard on the Scottish Chiefs.

THURSDAY, OCT. 21 Unsettled & cldy. Our hands began husking corn, which was the regular employment up to Saturday night. Mr Robinson continued busy with his cider. I conveyed to D. Fuller's about 100 feet bassw'd & not far from 70 ft half inch spruce procured at the yard of H. Waters for cheese casks - gave an order for 7 - of the following sizes - Two 20 inch, 3 - 19's - 2, 18's. Drove down by uncle Sam's where left Diadamia - saw & conversed a few moments with our uncle - cous. N. gone to Middlebury to carry machinery for deacon S. Hinsdill. Sylvanus rode with me to E. Fay's Jun'r in order to inquire whether there would be a school meeting - and there was none - Conversed awhile with Deac. F., Doct Jonas F. Billing & the boys - got leave to borrow 24 bundles rye straw and returned home.

FRIDAY, OCT. 22 Chilly - rained late in the day - Hauled in all our corn within the barn - stored corn in the shed loft

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 Chilling wind from N.W., froze some in the night. Business prospered very well - could not quite finish husking corn. O.W. Daniels had worked in our service thr' the week - and called all even up to this date excepting the use of horse one trip to Troy, two bbls oats, lent \$1. in money lent which his father rec'd to bear his expences to Troy, Oct. 21. T. Kent worked for us say 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  days - and rec'd on the 21st 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls apples - also agreed to take him payments for Tuttle - 1 bbl cider delivered 2d Jan 1830. Hopkins waited upon his aunt Lydia to uncle S. Robinson's - his father & mother accomp'd as far as Swift's store where the latter bo't

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BENNINGTON, OCT. 24 1830 for Hopkins cloth & trimmings for a suit, making up a bill for \$2.72" - I visited M.L. Selden's - transacted business with Mr Wight - making an agreement that if the people of our District should get their children in readiness - school should commence on the 8th Nov. Samuel L's who promised me \$2.31 ~~y~~ one week from this day. Visited the printing office - saw Col Mer'l & others at Love's - news had been rec'd of the app't of Judge Prentiss U.S. Senator for 6 y'rs from the 4th of March 1831. I was this day 42 years of age - 42 years more and then



SUNDAY, OCT. 24 Not over pleas't - cldy - some chilly - had sums of figures to add for H.Waters who last evening arrived from Jackson, N.Y. Found my mind vastly turned away from reading. J B.Dewey & Ben. Sears visited here. Nobody went to meeting, even our father could not attend on account of ill health. Went down to neighbor T.C's - assisted his lady in nailing up his old house to prevent H. from coming in, whose character was said to be very bad. Daniels boys both went home. T.C.P. returned past here from visiting his mother in Pow'l.

MONDAY, OCT. 25 Cold, high w'd N.W. chilly, flying clds. Cider was made for Dr N.Swift, Tho's Kent assisted. The cow called "Yellow Star" was this day deliv'd to O.W.Daniels for his note of \$13. payable 22d March 1831 - & again he delivered her over to Eli Carpenter in paym't tow'd waggon. Sylvanus & myself drover her S. to the bridge this side the old House house to join drove - C.allowed \$14. 50 for her. I visited at Mr J.House's & others to give information of my bargain with Mr Wight. Mrs H. appeared quite active & smart. Mrs Ruth Smith p'd \$1. tow'd school rate - leaving 88" due - next day or two sent the money & note to Miss B.Loomis pr Nels Duncan.

TUESDAY, (NOV) OCT. 26 Some rainy, chilly, uncomfortable S.Wind. Contin'd making cider for Doct Swift. At E.Fay Jun'rs procured 25 bundle straw which we borrowed in order to be used in making wider - we had threshed none of our rye the pres't season, besides it was full of Canada thistles. At Major L.Norton's halted awhile - heard Doct Bigelow tell a large cow-story. Attended to reading slightly in the evening. Julius appeared to be boiling potatoes & pumpkins for hogs.

BENNINGTON, OCT. 27 1830 Pleas't & mild - Carden stuff gsth'd. Tho's Kent assisted in grinding apples. In town late in the day - went to Algiers and bargained away 3 bbls 12 gall's cider to Jacob Lyon at \$1. This evening Lot's wife fled Sodom & Gomorrah - not even looking back - Lot staid by the stuff - sleeping upon his arms all night. The wife & 3 children of Lot abode under our roof this night.

THURSDAY, OCT. 28 Thick smoky cloudy weather - rained P.M. Very foggy in the evening which otherwise would have been light & gay. Rode to Hoosick - met L.Sherwood Jr with his fr'd John Davis coming from the Fall's over to the corners - was against the Goodrich house, talked a few moments and, solicited by L. & half inclined to do so myself, returned to the Corners to await the transaction of some business which would last only 15 minutes, when he would ride with me to the F's - I waited the time out most of which was spent conversing with D.Wilcox Esq on bringing water in leaden pipes which he said would cost pr 3/4 inch about \$1.25 pr rod - posted on to the Falls where I arrived past noon - Dined at S.Parson's - could do no business with him for some time on account of a Mr Brown of Pittstown being so much at his heels - at length however we were closetted - Henry being of the party - and it was resolved that the latter should come over to Bennington with horse & wagg. this evening. Looked at gristmill which had lately been rebuilt in first rate order, and then at dusk started for home by way of RYans, Ostrander's & Sherwood's - this side the latter



place met many young people there going to attend a party - a stage coach was stuffed full. Arrived here by 9 in the evening.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 Very fair & fine. Cider was made on our own acc't All the valuables were bro't up from Sodom & Gomorrah under the direction of our friend Henry P. who deposited them in the house opposite, he possessing a writing by which the ownership was firmly secured to him. It was a solemn day - it was the day on which Lot & his wife took their departure from a city in which they had resided the greater part of 23 years - the day on which it was resolved that

BENNINGTON, OCT. 30 these people should no more sin together. But -  
1830 Enough - We must pronounce that the wife & children of our friend were in character unexceptionable - that young Henry went forward with the profoundest candor & circumspection - had a writing executed this evening by an old attorney by which the wages of his sisters in the Factory at Hoosick was secured to them signed by our friend next morning. O.W. Daniels bo't potatoes, goods &c.

SATURDAY, OCT. 30 Fine, warm & smoky. Henry with his mother & little ones departed for Hoosick - Our fr'd was then absent in Pow'l - Returned P.M. - Evening visited the Street - could obtain no money of either Wads. or Seld. - had fair promises. The town had a meeting to raise a tax of 5 cts on the dollar for the relief of S Shattuck, who fell through the Esq Shattuck bridge.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31 Mainly pleas't, some cldy & chilly. With a friend started early in the morning for the N.W. Crossed Snake Hill about sunrise - Halted in Union Village about noon - sometime in P.M. reached F.M. Bridge from whence advanced up the Hudson to the V. of .....where we arrived at 8 in the evening. At the house of E.P. we were courteously rec'd. Saw the book entitled "The Spy unmasked", in which I read a few sentences - retired at a late hour - In this section of the country are three pretty villages, and two grand feeders of the Champlain Canal. Road and Canal often intersect one another - The soil is from clayey to very sandy.

MONDAY, NOV. 1 Thick & cldy, expected storm, cleared up pleas't PM  
Our business-driving host had his domestics up early and the thumps of the pounding barrel disturbed our repose at an early hour. Viewed Falls & bold shores of the river below - presenting the awful and sublime in my view very powerfully. Looked at works erected on the N. side of the stream, including a mill for saeing & polishing marble of the black kind procured on the spot, as we may say, or very near. Indeed all the rocks about the F's are of that colour. Saw a man whose name they said was Ranger Parsons. Parted with our fr'd about 9 in the morning - having first heard a contract, verbal, entered into concerning a certain iron bark mill which it was agreed should be forwarded by way of Troy. Crossed bridge at the Falls, entered a sandy pine barren country covered with low pines. Halted at Colimer's Inn, 7



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BENNINGTON, SUNDAY- miles N.W. Stillwater Village - baited a little  
NOVEMBER 2d 1830 while - rec'd a passenger who rode with me sever-  
al miles - crossed Fish Creek at Stafford's Bridge  
saw many fine fields of grain. By being under a wrong impression as to  
the residence of Major Rudd was losing distance, being on the road to  
Still W. Village which was 4 miles S. of where I wanted to go. I was  
set a right by a young man who accomp'd me & my fr'd with whom I here  
parted (at Ketchum's Corners) - drove across hills towards the river &  
arrived at Major Rudd's about sunset - was made heartily welcome - Saw  
the fine stud colt - a great favorite in the family. Spent a part of  
the evening in Alfred H's room - saw his lady & children. These people  
had not finished harvesting yet.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2 Pleas't & fine. Viewed the map of the country.  
Asked many questions respecting the Batt. gr'd,  
about which they gave as much information as they could. Late in the  
morning I started off - Went to the house where I was told Gen. Frazier  
died - was shown the room in which he gave up the ghost - Crossed the  
river near by - came down stream to a very strair road running E. over  
a hilly part of the country - past noon arrived at Buskirk's bridge,  
previous to which I had been some plagued to find the way - They said  
it was 15 miles to Bennington - say 17 to our house which I traversed  
by dark - the road leaving the batt. grounds on the left. During this  
expedition I experienced very great inconvenience from the want of  
guide posts - indeed, in my opinion, it ought to be a subject of Legis-  
lative Inquiry.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3d Some rainy - Went to mill in the rain - w'd E. Or  
Daniels had worked for us during my absence - fin-  
ished grinding apples & the cider was chiefly disposed of - Do not rec  
ollect much of what was going forward this day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 4 Fine mild weather. Two large hogs were butchered,  
assisted by O.W. Daniels - the largest weighed lbs  
389, the least 301 lbs. Some mistake here - hogs killed on the 5th.  
This day carried 2 bbls cider to the journeymen of J. Volentine on acct  
Kept no minutes of the proceedings of this day, therefore can recollect  
little concerning it. Preparation was made for killing hogs next day.  
In the midst of my haste let me turn back

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to the stranger who became my passenger on the road to Stillwater.  
From his convers ation I gathered that he possessed no great store of  
this world's treasures - had a wife & family residing near the Saratoga  
Lakes - his children were all sons - was fond of a gun - turned out a  
volunteer to Plattsburgh in 1814 - described how the balls whistled  
about their ears in time of action - saw the engagement between the two  
fleets in the bay &c &c - was now on his way to Schaghticoke his former  
residence - was born in Dutchess Co. N.Y. - said his name was Traver.  
Must also mention receiving a very acceptable visit from Horatio G.  
Doty and his lady accomp'd by their youngest daughter 4 or 5 years of  
age. Resided in Salem Village, N.Y.. Had but one son whom they had  
named Hiram on my account. Their intention was when they came from  
home to visit their friends in Wardsboro, Vt., but were surprised to  
hear of their departure to the West - two years since. The family here  
alluded to was that of Capt Ellis Doty who with his sons, daughters &



sons-in-law had transferred their residence to some town in the county of Chatauqua, N.Y. - doing well as was understood. This being the case the concluded to proceed no farther - this day started for home. Mr D. had within the last six months endured much from sickness - considerably less in size than formerly, his countenance however was very little changed - preserved his youthful look quite natural for a person born in the year 1779. Mentioned having received a visit from his neice Nancy Doty in the winter of 1827. She was in health - her brother Ellis & family were in prosperity at Detroit, Michigan. I have no more time to devote to our D. connexions -mSee July, 1826.

FRIDAY, NOV. 5 Fine and mild again. The butchering just mentioned under mistake was executed this day by the Daniels boyd - B. & S.W. Sold the heavy one to O.E.D's at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts, amounting to \$21.39 - he again disposed of it to Capr J.Safford, Algiers. Rec'd note of C.W.D. due 22d Mar. 1831. Sold one side of the smallest hog to U.M.Robison - 151 lbs for the same price and rec'd cash down \$8.31. Had noe of \$100 renewed to the Bank for thirty days. On the 3rd inst I wrote Esq Brayton that I was disappointed in not receiving money from his quarter - blamed no one as I had no demand on him unless the cheese had been sold, which I presumed not to have been the case - made known my want of this money, hoping to get it previous to the expiration of the next thirty days. This morning rec'd a line from

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the son of W.E.Brayton Esq announcing the receipt of mine which he had forwarded to his father now in N.York. It seemed to me the young man was a little puzzled to exactly comprehend my meaning which I suppose arose from his being ignorant of the contract.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6 Another fair day which was employed principally in in casking 7 casks of cheese. There were, if we correctly counted, 40 cheeses - of which 15 were made from Sept 21 to some day from the first to the 15th Oct - weighing according to fair weight by capt. Hicks' steelyards - 1982 lbs - which added to 6447 lbs forwarded Oct 4 would make an aggregate of 8429 lbs, which at 6 cts per lb amounted to \$505.74". A letter giving an account of this parcel of cheese accompp'd by a regular bill was made out on the 7th intended to be forwarded on Monday to W.E.Brayton Esq, but it lay on our hands until we returned from Troy - entered in the office on the 11th inst.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7 Low clds & fog - expected rain - Casks were marked. bark mill loaded and every preparation made deemed necessary for going to Troy next day. This day were interred the remains of our much respected Christian friend Mr Jesse Field, aged 81 years. He died very suddenly on the evening of Friday after having attended Church meeting.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 Continued cldy with signs of rain - Remarkably warm for the season. We arose early - spent much time in getting ready - at length - with wife & children started for Troy. Load consisted of barkmill and 4 casks cheese - being in all 1595 lbs, leaving for cous. N.L.Robinson's team a burden of about 20 lbs less - with which William was to follow on Tuesday. Cous. Polly R. was at this time considered to be drawing near her end so that it was thought very difficult for cous. Nathan to leave home. We found the road wherever



it passed over moist clayey soils extremely bad - caused the horses to sweat powerfully - it was cruel to make them exert themselves so. Made a short halt at Haynes - next reached Wadsworth's about noon - saw here Mr Silas Walbridge Sen'r who was on his way to Rochester - N.Y. where he seemed to think of making a permanent residence with his children there - Made no more halts - arrived in Troy before dark - Left family

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at cous. S. Robinson's - unloaded cheese at S. & Grant's, barkmill at Richards & Truesdell's - rec'd for transportation \$1. but before they would pay over was examined quite particularly as to the contract, destination of the article &c &c - Stabled my horses at Stearns' - supped at my cousins' - We did not pretend to transact much business in the evening - bo't a few articles & settled up old debts for which took receipts in full - Paid Arnold's \$11.43 - J. Gary \$4.25 & J.V. Powellson 57 cts. Would mention travelling in the latter part of the day in comp' with our friend Geo. Norton Jun who was loaded with 1 ton pig iron in the service of Jed. Dewey - was very sociable - good company.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9 Cloudy, w'd S.- some misty - appeared likely to rain heavily. We had good & comfortable lodging at cous's Samuel's - rec'd kind treatment from our relative & his lady which we in part returned by a small donation of cheese. To endeavor to give a description of our running up & down the city while we were visiting the various shops wherein we purchased the different articles wanted, would be difficult, tedious & Unnecessary. The amount of money properly belonging to my purse expended in this way amounted to \$29.78 exclusive of what was paid for debts as stated above - it likewise included tavern expences. My lady & daughter had of this \$12.75 besides which they paid in what they called their own money \$2.26. A pretty regular account can be seen of these articles in my day book near the end, but contrary to my governing principle those things purchased by my partner could not be entered with anything like accuracy which must be my main apology for the omission - the sum total is all that is entered. Past 1 P.M. we left the City - about 2 miles this side met Sylvanus with 3 casks cheese and 8 bbls beans - the last as he afterwards informed me he sold to Dater & Grant for 6/6 pr bhl. He returned next day with  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton of plaster which cost \$4.00 - experienced no misfortune. Before it is too late let me mention that Mrs Harwood was thrown out of the waggon some little distance this side Hoosick 4 C's near the foot of the hill beyond Harp. Rog's - but no damage ensued - the accident occurred on Monday morning. It was so late in the day that we gave up the idea of getting home - dark when we arrived at Wads' - came on slowly and after a tedious drive got to H. Parson's - H. Falls

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about 9 in the evening. Here we found cous. H.H. Parsons engaged in a little convey - chiefly vocal - assisted by his skill in playing the bass viol - cousins Annis H. & Ellen M. were present & took part in the musical exhibition which I esteemed quite fine. The wife of our friend Hiel, who himself was absent, and others of the family were in usual health - not to forget our worthy sister Ruth & child. We sat up late - enjoyed some satisfaction in conversation.



WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10 1830 Cloudy but not very unpleasant. This morning saw Dr L. Sherwood with whom some light conversation was held. After a consultation with our friend Seth, who was considerably unwell, concerning the disposal of the bark-mill which he much disapproved of - and further talking with cous. Henry, by which I was convinced a misstep on my part had been taken in regard to the property afores'd, and the thing being left to Henry & me to settle - and it being considered by him and me as past recovery - left Hoosick past 11 o'clock bringing with us sister Ruth & child - arrived here about 3 P.M. - found all things in reg. order.

FRIDAY, NOV. 12 Heavy E. wind, cloudy. Father & Sylvanus carted off some manure. Paid visits to Loomis' - Jewett's Ayres', Cummings' - B. Green's & F. Johnson's - gave up his note to him which he had paid in full on the day it was due (\$14.40). He talked of buying our bay horse. I crossed down the hill N. of Wood's to the road which I kept to Algiers - was overtaken by one horse wagg. & boy belonging to Ben. Webb - rode to the meeting house - marched up St. bo't quire cap pap. of Sol Clark on Cr. At Dr Swift's borrowed \$4. in money & returned to this house. My business to the S. was to see about Collect in school money & to encourage the people to send their children to friend Wight. Mrs Green said my money should be sent as soon as it was collected of the F. Comp'y. See Sept. 11.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 The E. wind blew most furiously - rained some. Started for the E. mountain in the 2 h. wagg. with Sylvanus - wind nearly blew us out of the wagg. this side Moses Bushnell's. We kept down the main road to the school house near Mr Ja's Bushnell's - then turned E. to B. Wood's - continued on the road leading towards Mr Granger's - went on to the log hut of Aaron Osborn where we tied our horses under cover of the W. end of s'd building - walked in - sat conversing awhile with Mrs O. who ap-

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appeared to be engaged in some sort of needle work surrounded pretty numerously with her children. Talked of her eldest son Stover from whom she had not heard for three years, when he was in Cecil Co., Maryland apparently doing well. From hence we took it on foot in order to view a clump of spruces immediately E. of the S. part of Harmon Turner's coal gr'd, owned by Gen. Robinson. We soon reached the spot and found some fair looking timber - but on examining the country to see where a proper road might be made for bringing it off we gave up all speculation there - and after many tedious windings in the course of which saw old Mr Granger, returned to our team - came down to Barna Wood's where he hailed us & got on board with grist for the mill. I rode as far as the Webster place, leaving Sylvanus with orders to get 15 hund. pig iron at the Furnace on Sam'l Loomis' acc't - and with money to pay Henry Sage in full, \$9.83 - all which he punctually performed. In the evening rode into the Street with H. Waters in his brother-in-law John Brown's one h. wagg., carrying to D. Robinson Jun 46½ lbs butter. Returned to the store of Swift & S. - H. Wat's transacted some business - I borrowed \$6. more in money, leaving due in all borrr'd \$11. Could raise nothing out of Selden & Wads. Came home & enjoyed the evening with our friends. I have omitted by mistake writing an account of Thursday. Nov. 11 mild & cloudy - storm expected. Main business drawing hay from stack. Entertained much company in the evening. Calvin, Prudence & Clarissa, son



& daughter of John Brown, Jackson, N.Y. Elisha & Delia Waters were of the party - song-singing & playing the flute were the chief amusements. On Friday evening another party was formed joined by cous. H. Rob., B. Sesra, Is Rudd Jr., Browns D., M. & Elisha Waters - amusements the same. During all this while I was groaning under a rheumatic complaint under the right shoulder blade.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14 Considerably rainy from S.E. great roar of wind - not cold. My rheumatic indisposition held on unabated. Miss P. Brown underwent much from a contusion rec'd in getting out of the wagg. Young Mr Judd waited upon Miss W. Brown down from the Street. And C. Parsons paid us a visit from Hoosick. Or W. Dan's spent most of the day here - Assisted Sylvanus in preparing for Troy - Our young fr'd Brown also was with us in the early part of the day. H. Waters made putty & set glass at the school house - Sylv's accomp'd him

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MONDAY, NOV. 15 Thick cldy weath'r - concluded it was so bad waggoning to Troy that the job was postponed for the present. Scraping milking yard & carting manure into S. mead was prosecuted assisted by T. Kent. I was cleverly exempted from actual service by contin'd lameness in the right shoulder - Spent the day mostly writing. Calvin Brown, after making us a deal of music took departure late in the morning with his sisters who were very pretty songsters. In mentioning the music ought to have coupled Mr B. & sisters together because it was in that way their performances were rendered interesting - We were highly entertained with their company & doings. Died this evening after the most patient Christian patient and humble endurance of a long & painful disease Miss Polly, eldest daughter of Samuel Robinson, Sen., & his wife Sarah in the 30th y'r of her age. She was a member of the Cong. Church in Benning'n and always supported an unblemished reputation through life. It far surpasses my feeble powers to give anything like a just delineation of a character adorned with so many fair & amiable virtues - See Verm't Gazette of Nov. 23 where ample justice will be done to her memory

TUESDAY, NOV. 16 Warm, cldy, foggy - remarkably mild for the season. A quantity of manure was carried into the S. meadow. My disordered shoulder kept me writing again most of the day. Sylvanus went to uncle Samuel's to watch with the corpse. Lydia rode down & returned with Diadama who had witnessed cous. Polly's impressive and solemn departure. On the way home called at the store of Swift & Son & bo't goods to the am't of \$23.76. Or W. Dan's tarried here this night - also H. Waters.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 Very foggy moist weather. Or D's was off very early with our oxen in the business of carting stone from the House Quarry to the Furnaces on the Grover contract. Sylvanus arrived from watching the dead at uncle Sam's. With the exception of him, mother, Mrs Par's & M. A. Waters the family attended the funeral of our departed cousin. The assemblage of people was numerous & respectable - they were not a little disapp'd on acc't of the non-appearance of Mr Gridley of Williamstown who was expected to preach. Service was performed in impressive style by Deac. Bingham now upwards of 80. Everything was conducted with



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all due solemnity and propriety - ceremonies all concluded near the close of the day. Among those whom I saw there must mention our fr'd Norman Edgerton who appeared very well. Cous. G.P. Harwood was at the funeral. J.B. Dewey contin'd with us - suff'd much from an attack of erysielas.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18 The aspect of the weather seemed to improve - mud dried up - mildness continued - enjoyed some sunshine. Lameness still tormented me in my shoulder & arm in such manner as to unfit me for active employ'm't. Twenty five cheeses, the remnant of our dairy, were this day over-hauled & weighed - the result seemed to be thus

143	sold to Brayton	8429 lbs	\$505.74
9	, in Troy - June 20	317	19929
6	, in part & consumed		
	in family	289	
5	early made mostly on hand	356	
25	late , all , ,	1127	
188	Produce of 30 cows, or		
	say 29½		
		10518 lbs	\$631.78"

I am apprehensive that there is some mistake as to the exact number actually made, which must have been 189 - a part not being single curds - commenced the business April 22 and continued it unremittingly (down or) up to the first of Nov. I shall when leisure offers, review all our dairy concern. Sylvanus with horses & wagg. drew fluxing for Grover on Orren's acc't. Our friend R. Moon settled with his family down in the Fay house once more - after an absence of something more than 14 months - had a span of strange looking horses - not so very strange either - bay horse & black mare - the former without eyes. Our stove was fixed so as to be very comfortable. H. Waters & B. Sears paid us a visit - executed a bill of lumber for the house of J. Starin which my friends were talking of erecting. I.B. Dewey contin'd plagued with the plague above mentioned - assisted in drawing cheese from the other house & fixing stove.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19 Weather grew more & more favorable, a part of the day really fine & warm. Still not quite up to real business - rather moping with lame shoulder. Bargained away the cow denominated "Brassy", sometimes "Huldeh" to R. Moon for \$15. of which 9 was paid down in silver - remainder to be paid ere long - cow not to be out of our possession until all the pay should be made out. Cous.

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N.L. Robinson came here - offered to swap waggons with us, but I felt too poor to trade. Rode up Street with him - Saw W. Hasw'l, uncle Sam'l, Mr Farewell and a Mr Smith employed in butch'g or rather in dressing a beef. Bo't at the printing office on Cr. an acc't book for 62½ cents. Called on cous. U.M. Robinson for money collected of our fr'd L. Jewett for O. & A. Arnold which they desired me to get & forward them the first opportunity. At the store of Swift & Son I penned a letter to W.E. Brayton Esq to acquaint him with the fact that I could not very well have my note to the B'k again renewed - should expect him, if the cheese should not sell in season, to forward me \$100 without fail for which I



would allow int. until Jan. Made excuses for teasing - wanted to do business in an accommodating way &c. Paid \$8. to S. & Son tow'd \$11. borrowed. H.Waters came here with his friend Towsley this eve'g - performed some small piece of writing for him. Our boy Daniels again drew stone to the Furnace (over two tons) for Oren. Cous. Ira B. still remained under the smart of his disorder.

SATURDAY, NOV. 20 Cloudy - a little chilly - wd N. mild. Was so far recov'd from my rheumatic stitch as to be enabled to assist in patching the barn, fixing barn door, righting up old b'd fence &c &c. Sylvanus pursued the stone business - R.Moon lent a hand with his team - to be paid in potatoes - making in all drawn & charged to Or. W. Dan's the present week 8 T. 9 cwt. 1 qz of stone - amt'g to \$7.44 Use of oxen 4 days at 50" \$2.00. Sent to D.Robinson Jun'r, pr Mark Morrison who made cider for Mr Andrews at our press, 14½ lbs butter - making him up in all 61 lbs - at 1/0 - \$10.17. In the evening with cous. Ira B. marched up Street - vainly trying to raise money - left note against Wadsworth with friend E.H.S. - walked to F.B. & Co's - bo't & paid for a small article. Heard A.D.Rob. & Hen Safford relate stories of Drugg Edgerton which were all seasoned with eccentric wit. Saw Capt. P.Dewey to whom an acc't of dairy concerns was rendered - Mr Deming was also present. In speak'g of the money rec'd of U.M. for the Arnolds forgot to state the am't which was \$4.60" for which U.M. holds my receipt. Reached home early in the evening - found friend Southworth here - a very welcome guest. H.Waters appeared in ancient costume.

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Our friend Dr Johnson came to converse on the subject of buying our horse - considered our price too high - thought \$55. all he was worth. We promised to weight the matter & if possible to come down to his terms - which would throwing off \$5. Said he would call again early in the week.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21 Hazy & some chilly - mainly pleas't. Lameness growing better. Attended to writing. Father & Lydia went to meeting. Mrs Parsons accomp'd by I.B.Dewey & Hopkins visited Tan Brook and bro't off a few articles of property. Discovered that 2 chimney cranes to the upper house were missing - Cous. Ira returned to Lieut Saff'ds tow'd evening. Levi Downs called on me this P.M. with a billet from my friend Horace Dimmick representing himself to be almost helpless from a sharp rheumatic attack - soliciting 3 qrs cider brandy. Told the bearer we could not spare it out of the house - would drsw an order for it on Dewey's which was done - Levi took it & marched on. The brandy was said to be wanted for external application. Benj'n R.Sears very politely & obligingly gallanted a young lady from this qr. to a few miles S. & returned early in the evening. Or & S.W.Daniels went to meeting in Algiers. Mr Nathan Eldred contin'd very dangerously ill - did not appear to retain his reason at all - constantly wearing out - in his 89th year.

MONDAY, NOV. 22 The most powerful and tedious rain storm intermingled with snow on high grounds occurred this day that had been experienced during the present season - beat violently from S.E. At an early hour Sylvanus took his departure for Troy - carrying with him Mrs Parsons who left with us her youngest for a season.



The business of our team was to convey to Troy the iron bo't from the Furnace on the 13th - Mrs P. was going only to the 4 Corners - thence to the Falls to run her chance for a ride. When they arrived at the Corners the storm grew so formidable that Sylvanus considered it imprudent to attempt ~~drinig~~ driving in it - waited 2 hours - then three off his load - carried the women to H.Parsons' at the Falls - turned about & came home - we hon'd his judgment. A few sheaves of rye were threshed - preparation made for stabling cows - gave up the project and for the first time if I am correct foddred the stock in the meadow the present season. Women were busy making app. sauce. Tho's Kent butchered his hog here which weighed lbs.

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Storm cleared up tolerably mild - Banking house constituted the main employm't - used brook gravel for a part of the material. Sylvanus enjoyed amusem't in taking fowls by worrying them with the dog, 'Fayette'. Conveyed 4 dressed, to the lady of D.Rob.Jun for which he obtained 1/0 a piece - money appropriated to the payment of debt to F.Childs for Adeline's shoes. Or Daniels tarried here all night. R.Moon drew wood for his family. Sylv. prepares for Troy.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24 This month thus far must be pronounced remarkably mild - many garden flowers yet floursished without receiving any protection from the weather - the frosts were infrequent & slight. It was now a wet time - Troy road exceedingly bad & cut up - some cldy & chilly this day. Had business to the Furnace - visited the forge which was in successful operation - saw F.Eddy who inquired if I was the man who sold the pork mentioned on the 18th Sept. Told him I was - and wanted my pay - he said he had been in readiness to pay more than a month ago - agreed to leave the money on Saturday at F.B.& Co's where the note was to be deposited. Came down to the residence of Michaels where seeing Mrs M. made the same conditions for her husband which she said would be acted upon. Had shoes mended by James Harwood who furnished a pair of taps to be repaid - charged for work 20 cts - & if taps were charged they would be 1/0 - 38 cts for all. Settled an acc't of \$4.82 with Har. Norton which I nearly paid up - lacking 9 cts only. Rec'd in full of Jacob Lyon for 3 bbls 12 gall's cider \$3.38. Father had business in town - went to gov. Tichenor's - saw his fine corn &c. Sylvanus drove off early to Troy this morning. In Algiers I rode  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile or so with fr'd Geo. Norton who drove a 4 horse wagg.for Jed Dewey - had drawn a large l'd of stone for Grover this day. I bo't on cr. at Swift & S's 1 lb tea - 58".

THURSDAY, NOV. 25 Another bellowing southeaster came on this morning - snowed on mountains - Rained pretty soakingly tow'd the close of the day - black & unpleas't. Board fence built of stakes withes separating meadow from hog pasture was taken up and materials obtained for the erection of a barn yard shed - much refuse stuff collected and placed away. Sylvanus arrived in the evening from Troy with half a ton plaster for which p'd \$4. exp's 65 cts.



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Or W. Daniels this morning bro't news of the death of the venerable Nathan Eldred, Pownal, on the 24th at 4 o'clock P.M. Aged 88. He was a pious, benevolent Christian man - respected by all who knew him. I have not time nor materials for saying as much as ought to be said, in this case. He was living with his 3rd wife. A Whig of 1776.

O. W. Daniels bo't of Romeo Moon a certain black mare sd to be 14 yrs old for thirty dollars - of which \$16 in money was to be paid over to me - \$6 in paym't for the Brassy cow and \$10 for the Parsons cow. The remainder in cask of butcher's hearts, tongues etc. & in 12 bhls pota toes next Spring. Money to be paid in Jan. next.

FRIDAY, NOV. 26 Continued stormy from N.W. - snowed considerably on high grounds - chilly - unpleas't. Attended the funeral in Pow'l - a goodly number were present - Elder Green preached from Poverbs 14th 32d verse - performed very well - On the way home called at E.Carpenter's - saw Nelson Duncan - walked on to S.Loomis' - left ticket from Starbuck & Sons for 15 hund. iron delivered by Sylvanus on the 24th. Cattle fod'd at night.

SATURDAY, NOV. 27 Blue, but not very cold - cldy from N.W. A quantity of rye was threshed by Sylvanus - We in part took down the cider mill - spent some time with Seth Parsons' Esq who talked about improvement of road to Lansingburgh and Troy. Late in the day waited upon Diadamia to Algiers - on her treturn she visited S & S's store and added \$1.94 to the bill mentioned Nov 16 on her own account. Rec'd a letter from T.C.Parsons, dated Nov 18. Read papers in the eve'g In Alg. pd 9 cts in full to Har. Nort. and rec'd a roll of dressed cloth 9½ yds at 15" at Volentines.

SUNDAY, NOV. 28 Tolerably pleasant for the season. After attending to usual concerns in the Journal line devoted a part of the day to writing a reply to our fr'd Chatfield. Cous. G.P.Harwood & father attended public worship in the old Cong. Church in which a Mr Burknap of Chester, Vt., preached, much to the gen'l satisfaction of his auditors. Sylvanus went to meeting in Algiers where A.J.Haswell read a sermon. Returned accomp'd by our school instructor, Mr Wight who supp'd with us & talked of L.Island - Rev'y War - affairs of France &c &c. I.B.Dewey as well as cous. Heman Robinson severally visited us in the course of the day. O.W.Dan'ls was also here.

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MONDAY, NOV. 29 A rought storm of wind, hail and snow gradually arose and unsteadily held on through the day - not very tedious, nor did the snow begin to whiten the ground in low gr'ds until late in the day - shewed very conspicuously on the mountains. Several loads of gravel were procured for wharfing at the h.stable & levelling up in front of the new shed. R.Moon to whom had been sold the Parsons cow, again sold her to his youngest brother Orrel M. who drove her off to the N.part of Petersburg near the "Kitchen", N.Y., his place of residence. Before he left I executed a note of hand for the sum of \$9., unnegotiable - payable 13 months aft. date - from Romeo to Orrel - signed his mark. Not long after wrote another against Wm Seaton - to Orrel Moon or order for \$12.00 with int. due 11 mo's after date - in signing - S. made his mark. Read a goodeal in the papers in the eve'g on disturbances in the neighborhood Netherlands & Elsewhere.



TUESDAY, NOV. 30 Continued stormy in a moderate degree from the E. mountains cov'd with snow. Threshing rye was the business of Sylvanus & me. Father found employm't otherwise. R. Moon had oxen to go to Algiers - swapped off his 2 horse for a 1 h. waggon. Got grist of rye ground for us. M. traded with Mr Peck, of whom he bo't some provision - also had the assurance of getting some from another butcher by way of Or. Dan'ls. Sylvanus in the evening by verbal order bo't  $\frac{1}{2}$  gal of oil & thr'd of F.B. & Co on cr. to Har'd 49". Some of our papers suffered this evening - the Belgians appeared to be in a most unsettled situation - Fine City of Brussels almost destroyed during the six days fighting between the citizens & soldier; Sept 1830.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 1 Continued yet stormy on the E. mountains where there seemed to be a pretty full supply of snow - this side the mountains - storm ceased - roads splashy - air chilly - Left father & Sylvanus to prosecute business at home - Sylvanus compleated threshing rye - I rode to Chandler's with young Eli Carpenter - Called upon Swift & Son for settlement - Ed H. immediately set to the work and nearly compleated it - ascertained that we had rec'd in goods &c since Dec'r 1829 - the value of \$100 - tow'd which had paid \$25. For want of accuracy in books postponed final settle't until his return from N.Y. City whither, accomp'd by S.C.

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Raymond, he grted to go in the W. stage. After being through with the business aforesaid, perused some few articles in the Cyclopoedia - then visited the Post Office. Saw Eli Carpenter Sen who complimented me on dairying business. Rec'd a letter from W.E. Brayton Esq enclosing a check on one of the Banks of N.Y. City which I was vastly pleased to obtain - prospects brightened up at once - could now meet my demands honorably. Esq B. did not receive my first request in time to forward - and had now but just arrived from N.Y. for the first time saw my letter of the 19th in obedience to which he sent the check - would have advanced the money from N.Y. even without realizing anything from the cheese had my first letter reached him in season - was sorry I had been put to trouble. Stated that he had sold 20 casks of our dairy on 4 mo's cr - did not stay to see it weighed. Next day replied to him that I had rec his obliging favor - which had cured all wounds, dispelled every cloud and rendered my prospevts as bright as noon day - Took him to be a business man, therefore not fond of receiving letters of a light trifling kind - whatever opinion he might conceive of mine, I must beg the privilege of making some faint signs of the pleasure which I experienced on receiving his letter. Wished him large profits on the sale of our dairy - assured him of undiminished confidence in his integrity, that I had had no trouble &c. Wrote my name on the back of sd check which I exchanged for my \$100 note - see April 6 - July 6 - Oct 6 and Nov. 6. Transacted business with young Raymond. Visited the printing office - procured Gazette of the 30th - supp'd with my fr'd D. Clark and in the evening attended an exhibition of the Brick Academy School - Wm Parker, principal - Miss M. Brownson, who unfortunately was absent on acc't of a broken ankle, assistant. Exercises commenced with prayer - a number of juvenile characters came forward with extracts of old Revolutionary orations and other pieces of that stamp which I was pleased to hear, because I think it very important that our youth should be made familiar with the sentiments of our fathers at that trying crisis. Next followed a



number of original compositions by young ladies whose names were severally announced previous to the reading by Mr Parker. Next a number of original pieces in prose & verse were succes

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cessively and handsomely spoken by the several young gentlemen by whom they were composed. I am entirely unfitted for going into particulars. The stage was erected in the meeting-house where there was a numerous audience who appeared to be well entertained. The Band from Shaftsbury and vicinity must not be overlooked as they, the members, added much to the hilarity of the scene. Got but little time to hear the examination of scholars at the Academy - the class under review while I was in was that of Arithmetic - they appeared to be perfect masters of the subject - but it was dry to me who was never a lover of figures - this ended the examination - After prayer by elder Mattison the house was cleared of people. Finished a letter to T.C.Par's in which all the information I could think of interesting to him was inserted - Death of Mr Field - of Mr Eldred and cous. P.Robinson &c. Marriage of John Godfrey son of S.C.G. to Ruth daughter of E.Fay Jun., was mentioned. Before taking leave of this day would record that Sylv's, Diadama & Adeline were at the Exhibition this evening.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 2 Surface of the ground frozen in the morning, but thawed up entirely long before night, cldy, chilly, S.wind ending in rain late in the evening. Father attended public worship - the ladies attended closely to Thanksgiving concerns. A shed over the cider mill & vat was erected by me & Sylvanus - I wrote as before stated to Brayton - he took up planks, boards &c placed them very securely - His brother was present, supp'd with us. Uncle Sam'l & aunt S.Robinson honored us with their company & conversation - supp'd with B.Harwood & family. Cous. Geo. P. came up in the evening & tarried over night. O.W.Dan's went home. Our uncle & aunt passed the night with us

FRIDAY, DEC'R 3 Strong S. wind bro't up rain which contin'd falling from 12 to 5 P.M. - snow swept mostly from the mountains. The unusual mildness of the season was remarked by every one - the eldest people in the country hardly ever saw the like - Gr'd as ~~fre~~ free from frost as in the month of June - many blossoms yet fresh & gay Grass where not too much gnawed off, and fields of grain were of a lively verdant hue. There had been of late much cloudy, rainy, unpleas't weather. Father & Sylvanus procured flat stones with which they flagg'd a walk

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across the milking yard - I trampoosed over hill & dale in quest of money. Saw Mr Evans who said he was just ready to start off on the same business, and if successful would call at our house and leave the vast sum of 54 cents, due Miss B.Loomis on S.Bill. Contin'd my route to Burrel Green's - learn'd that he had not finished his coaling job on the mountain, nor had he rec'd any money from the Iron Comp'y - would pay me as soon as he obtained cash of them. Was informed thus by Mrs G. who sd he had this morning gone on to the mountain, and probably would be down to the Furnaces with a load of coals P.M. when I might see him. Convers'd very agreeably with Mrs G. for sometime - then taking my course across lots by Thayer's & wid. Crawford's reached Furnace Store by about 12 o'clock. Made myself contented by reading Judge Prentiss'



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letter denying his Jackson faith and the documents inserted under it showing his double dealing - afterwards saw Memories of Tho's Moore the Irish Poet which with his introduction to "Lalla Rookh" I read - Saw ~~my~~ many people of my acquaintance - among others J.Rogers, teamster for B. Squires & our fr'd Doct. Johnson who had not yet given up entirely the notion of buying our horse - said it was likely he should come over on that business in 3 or 4 days - Waited until near 4 P.M. - saw no Green - and taking the road tow'd Algiers walked for home - halted and supp'd at John Harwood's - borrowed an umbrella of James, and after thick dark arrived safely here.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 4 Tho' the wind had changed to N.W. contin'd so mild as not to freeze. W'd pretty high in the forep't of the day. 8 bbls rye were cleaned up which added to what was already threshed made up our crop off 2 acres, little more than 13 bbls. Sylvanus went with R.Moon to bring from Pow'l  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton hay from A.Potter's tow'd horse trade. I sawed wood - regulated some writing &c. Late P.M. rec'd David Worthington an old friend who boarded with us in 1820 - journeyman shoemaker - we were very glad to see him - supp'd with us - had business from his residence in W.Springfield to Albany - came up to his cousins' in Grafton, N.Y. on the 21st inst where one of his horses was taken ill - had been waiting his recovery - however should now proceed for home with all possible despatch - came to day from gen'l Worthington's, Peters'h in a gig furnished by the gen'l - but the beast was David's. He was anxious that we should call on him on our way to Branford, C't - which we promised to do with all the necessary "ifs" - We requested him always to call on us whenever he came this way

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Rode with this gent. to Patchin's store where he had business something respecting an old demand against Daniel Conkling - Albany - see Hour'l for Jan'y 1821 - perhaps you may look at an earlier or later date. Our fr'd went to Alg. to spend the night with J.Rog. I visited & conversed a good while with the lady of M.L.Selden - afterwards called on D. Robinson Jun & rec'd a check on Bank for \$10 & rec'd 17 cts in full for 61 lbs butter deliv'd some days since - talked a good while - then came down to Dr Swift's store - took 10 prs spectacles to carry home out of which my wife wanted to select a pair suited to her eyes - Saw & dunned Wadsworth who off'd to borrow the money of his friend Chandler, but as he thought probable he should be this way on Monday when if possible he would bring the money. I refused to take it now. At F.Blackmer & Co's rec'd on my Michaels & Eddy note ten dollars & 73 cents - borrowed Spect of Nov 23 & 26 - came home and paid Sylvanus W. in full for the \$50. agreement. See Jour'l Dec 31 1828 & day-book for last May. At the Furnace saw H.Blackmer who shew'd me the am't of taxes against father & me. B.Harw'd \$18.85 - H.Harwood \$1.30 - Total \$20.15

SUNDAY, DEC'R 5 Tolerably pleas't - cldy - growing cold - Employed much in the old way - Perused papers & Revolutionary Hist. Cous. N. L. & Henry Robinson, Benjamin R.Sears & H.Waters - the last from Jackson, N.Y. - severally & jointly paid their respects to us this evening. Cous. I.B.Dewey was also of the party - On the 4th rec'd in full for 2 bbls cider \$2. pr J.S.Robinson. On the 6th of Oct. last omitted the mention of receiving \$59 from cous P.Harwood who holds my note due 6 mo's fr date for the same. Rec'd \$2.40 in full of O. Dan'l for pig.



MONDAY, DEC'R 6 High N.W. wind, black clds - growing cold fast. Sylvanus assisted by R. Moon & father butchered & dressed 4 female swine which weighed thus - Haynes 293, 211, 250, 251, total 1005 lbs. N. Daniels was here a little time. Gallanted my lady to Swift & Son's where she bo't crockery amounting to \$1.72 which she paid out of her own money. Returned spectacles - After coming from town made an unsuccessful effort visit to Grover's, E. Village, respecting a plow which we were to receive for drawing fluxing for Or. Daniels - expected to meet him there but failed.

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by chance - plow would not be in readiness for several days - Went to J & J.B. Norton's store - had something to say about settling - found the exact am't due from me - it being for 10 rennets Ap'l 1" at 20" - \$2. - which added to those rec'd in Oct. made up a bill of exactly \$8.00 Came up to Swift & Son's and there saw & paid \$2.56 in full to Dan'l Fuller, Chief Cooper of Bennington - On the hill settled with my good friend M.L. Selden who owed for pork \$8.64 - for cheese \$2.31 - total \$11.95 for which rec'd an order on our teacher Mr Wight, a boarder of Mr S's who made us a visit this evening, took up the order & gave his note due first of April next. Mrs Montague & her brother-in-law Rodney paid a visit here this evening - the latter appeared to be very intelligable respecting the Western country and other subjects. Sylvanus & Adeline visited S & S store - the latter bo't & paid for 28 cts worth goods.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 7 Highy N.W. dry wind, snugly frozen. Pork cut up by Daniels' boys - packed by B. Harwood - assisted some by his son - P.M. Or. & Sylv. commenced chopping in woods. Father & son gravelled walk in milking yard. Tow'd eve'g Rom. Moon had oxen & cart to go after meat in Algiers - returned without any - Diadamia waited upon M.A. Waters to Kendrick's where she found employm't until Saturday with her needle. D. took up goods at S & Sons for herself charged on acc't of H. Harw'd to am't of \$114.00 - at F.B. & Co's 94 cts same way. Paid visit to Miss Haynes. This evening attended to Woodbridge's Geog - large School edit'n. Mr Duncan happened here in the course of the day.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 8 Cold morning - Moderated much before night, cloudy. Boys continued chopping. Went with father to view lines this morning - that next gen. Robinson's woodland was very well ascertained - that on the side of S.H. Brown's Street Lot was a litt. more obscure, but we looked out marked trees enough to give a near guess where the line should go. Came home - with leather took boots, marched to neighbor Merton's - saw J. Harwood making up shoes for the family - wanted to borrow leather for uppers to boots for Hopkins - but it could not be had - so over the farms of Smith, now Norton's, Pratt's & c visited James Harwood - had boots toed - slept - perused papers while waiting for my work - Saw S. Harwood's

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lady there on business. Called on Mr Peck to let him know that I was ready for settlement - he was too much engaged in butchering to attend to it at present. Returned in season to forward an errand by R. Moon respecting Hopkins' boots - M. Having cart & oxen to go to Algiers to bring up meat, which again he was disapp'd of.



THURSDAY, DEC'R 9 Rained & hailed during the night, everything cov'd with ice - snowed moderately this day - Boys again in the woods, were joined by T.Kent late in the morning who assisted in gathering wood. I rivetted & fitted 4 iron hoops to an old cask, or rather 3 to one & one to another - executed some other unimportant business. Father employed in various ways. Drew a fifteen dollar note due three months from date, value rec'd, against Anthony Bovee - without the words "or order" "or bearer" - signed his mark - without interest - in favor of R. Moon. Towards evening Mr Moon & his friend Bovee came over and had another note executed for the same sum payable on the same day but contained the words "or order" with interest. The consideration for said note was an old horse which Moon sold to B. The first note of course was given up.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 10 Tolerably cold - flying clds - stiff wind W.  
I joined boys in the woods - the performance was handsome but owing to inability in my right arm, my slow activity was much impeded. Father had his Will executed by H.Hall Esq. G.P.Harwood came up from Major L.Norton's - something had blown into his right eye - pained him badly. R.Moon took away his cow.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 11 Flying clds - chilly - thawed slightly - Boys continued in the woods - Or W.Dan's had now worked for us 5 days - which paid for use of horse 1 trip to Troy, 1 bbl cider & 25 ct due toward the journey with Chesterfield - leaving a balance due Orren for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  days work. After the usual dilatory manner got ready and marched up Street with cous B.Stone who went to see Hinsdill to know if he would employ him as teamster. I visited the Printing Office where Col. Merrill having just rec'd the Pres's Mess. staid awhile hearing him read that part relating to the removal of the Southern Indians. Bills withheld &c &c.

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Capt D.Robinson Jun happened in a moment. Col M. asked him to hear the Mess. the capt. liste'd a few seconds & withdrew; then M. & friend Solomon united in calling him an enemy to Kackson - also mentioned capt Stephen as such. Came to dovt. Swift's, traded to the am't of say \$1.14 including Greenleaf's Grammar. Borrowed, or in a manner took without leave the 9th Vol of Ree's Cyclopoedia - Rode home with Mr J.House. Hiram Waters & his friend B.Sears bro't down big trunk in the evening. Northern Lights of extraordinary brilliancy and vividness were witnessed during this night.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 12 Sharp frosty weather - very cold evening. Wrote a letter to cous. Henry Palmer, Ogdensburgh, N.Y. - mentioned the death of cous. P.Robinson - and other items supposed to be interesting to him and his people. See Nov 15 & 17. Cous G.P.Harwood took much interest in the foregoing in which his health & circumstances were noted in a particular manner. Father at the Cong. Church heard the preaching of Mr Lemuel Haynes, a colored man who formerly presided over a flock in West Putland, Vt. has now outlived his abilities as a preacher. Cous. Emily Robinson was gallanted home by her brother N.L. having paid us a friendly visit since some day in the w'k past. Ben Stone could get no business at H's - tarried here overnight & this morning went to B.Rogers', Algiers. Mrs Harwood & Sylvanus attended a Methodist Meeting at our Dist.S.House. H.Waters & others here this eve'



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MONDAY, DEC 'R 13 Pleasant, thawed a little- Five bbls corn were got out by me, carried to mill, ground & returned with the meal - Visited James Harwood's - ordered Hopkins' boots done by eve of 14th. Paid Mr Peck \$1 in full of acc'ts up to this date. Likewise saw Moses Bushnell - told him my opinion of his load of coals delivered - See July 17 & 24 - He now demanded pay in full for 103 bbls - I handed him 65 cts which was accepted of in full - not having by me in change the fraction of 3" due. Went to engage Harry Norton to shoe horses - said he would attend to it on Tuesday - was shoeing oxen for Libeus Barney at uncle Jo's - saw the old gent & his son Charles - the latter as I came out, zt me pretty roughly respecting my quitting their shop and "running all around them" to get my work done &c &c and intimated as I understood him that we were indebted to them - hinting at some mysterious cause for my withdrawal. I replied that I quitted

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their shop for no other reason than having repeatedly tried to get their work without success - was ready now to accept of it for what was due us - told him I was ready to settle at any time. Came home & in the evening mustered an acc't of \$5 in brandy delivered in July 1825 - and a note for blacksmithing dated Jan 1823 on which there was an indorsement of \$1.98 dated 24 Dec 1824. They had set wagg. tire & performed other jobs perhaps more than sufficient to balance the acc't - but I could find nothing in my books to warrant me in supposing that there was less than 3 or 4 dollars in our favor. This day our girls bo't a considerable am't of goods at Swift & S's - set to acc't of B. Harwood - Father & William cut basswood sawing timber - drew home 1 log. H. Waters paid hi his respects here this evening. R. Moon took away his cow for good on Friday the 10th inst.

TUESDAY, DEC 'R 14 S. wind - rained steadily P.M. Sylvanus butchered hogs for George Robinson our neighbor. We carted into the S. meadow a few loads of manure & afterwards raised the roof of the building mentioned on the 2d inst which had been blown off. John M.B. Spencer of Pownal was with another person carried to jail - there to answer to an accusation of theft - the article being money. Read Cyclopoedia - Very tedious storm at night.

WED. DEC 'R 15 Very stormy and rainy - snowed some late in the day It was indeed a most tedious rough day. Little going on excepting threshing oats by Sylvanus assisted some by me. Father was ill. Mr Levi Smedley who again had attended a council called to act on difficulties in our Cong. Church, which in part being settled - came down in the morning - staid until tow'd night when Mr Gridley called & conveyed him to Williamstown - Lent them an umbrella - which was returned by stage - next mail.

THURSDAY, DEC 'R 16 Soundly cold - fly'g cl'ds w'd N/W. Carr'd 5 bbls rye to mill, had horsea shod at H. Norton's for \$1.08 on cr. & 2 other small jobs - making the am't \$1.20. Saw Capt Jacob Saff'd at the store of J. & J.B. Norton who said the shote which he bo't of Or. Daniels had in a strange manner died a day or two since - made enquiry if the large hog sold to him also by Or. did not run a b....r until he was 9 or 10 months old? I answered that he did - He then stated that Orren



said we had such an one, but had disposed of it - This circumstance rather disconcerted me - turned the conversation onto other subjects. The Capt. complained of his pork no otherwise than having a thick rind and the height of the price. See Nov. 5 Sylvanus had oxen shod at Chandler's on his brother Orren's acc't, chains mended &c &c. charged to us 50 cts. Visited my fr'd C. Norton who did not deny being in our debt, but was unwilling to attend to settlement and very strenuously held to the mystery mentioned on Monday. The 1 h. wagg. was conveyed to Ball's for repairs. Learned at the mill that Lyman Lawrence was married last Sunday to Miss Eunice Rose - daughter of Tho's R. - said to be well mated although L. was but 22 while the young lady had arrived at 28. Henry Parsons made a call on us this morning on his return to H. Falls from N. Adams, whence had carried a shearing machine. Sylvanus busied himself as usual in the eve'g.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 17 Fair, sharp, dry & cold. Sylvanus continued threshing oats. I was in town - Saw S. Chandler - went to his house and settled acc'ts with him up to this date - His account for blacksmithing within little more than 12 months amounted to \$11.23 - mine for cheese & cider came up to \$2.05 - add money paid last Monday \$7., total \$9.05 & this day paid 18 cts & balanced by note for \$2. which he agreed to receive in cheese at 7" pr lb - Afterwards saw Montague - said something respecting money for young hogs which he sent for Aug 16 - See Aug 21 - Could not pay at present - might perhaps past Jan'y 1st Agreed to settle with me ere long. Went to the Oyster cellar & staid awhile talking with him and his brother Newell - after which entered the printing office and when B. Clark got ready settled acc'ts with him Bro't against him \$8.23 - his side was \$9.12 - my credits assisted him to the am't of ab't \$3. - balance by note of 89 which together with 75 cts due tow'd Gazette up to Feb 9 1831 agreed to pay in butter - 10 lbs for the whole. The other dollar tow'ds Gazette was paid last spring to Capt H. Robinson in butter - Mr Sol Bennett of Pownal, Sol Wright Jr - Isaac W. - Col M. Solomon & others including a pedlar of razor strops were in & about there

Came to Dr Swift's store - bro't thence 6 lbs brown sugar - charged 63 cts. Brown & Rob's sheep pestered us much by frequenting our grain field. Father visited cousins - E. p't town.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 18 Cold and chilly - cloudy - snowed very lightly.

Threshing oats was finished by Sylvanus & me - Number of sheaves 460. Mr Wight made us a friendly call. Sylvanus was sent off early in the eve'g with 16 lbs fowls to H. Hall Esq & 10 lbs butter in full to D. Clark. O.W.D's came here and cleared up the affair of the hog - See 16th.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 19 Something mild - snowed fine & misty in the afterp't of the day, w'd S. Drilled through the old journal routine for the past w'k. Looked at some articles in Ree's - examined a note in Guthrie's Geography on the Adventures & noble services of capt James Cook who was killed by the natives on the island of Owhyhee early in the year 1779. Gave some attention to the President's Message & other political writings. Mr Wight kept Sabbath with us. Examined Ree's



Cyclop. under Articles "Cock Fighting" & "Colony" in which the Americans are far from being flattered. Father waited upon Diademia to meeting at the Cong. Church - Sermon read by W. Haswell - Prayers by Ballard and others. Sylvanus heard the preaching of elder Green - Pown'1 Mt. Cous Ira deposited letter with me to place in the P.O. to his father in Hopkinton, N.Y. - See Oct. Concerning oats & rye - see Aug. 7

MONDAY, DEC'R 20 Thin snow - more added late in the day - grew very cold towards morning during the night - Moderate & thawy this day - Children carried to school by Sylvanus - After this day Adeline gave up attending on account of lameness in the knees. S. returned with fanning mill with which we fanned up 42 bbls oats, the produce of 460 sheaves - which would give in the whole yield 95 bbls. (Turn to Aug. 7) Sylvanus with team assisted in getting down wood for Thomas Kent - charged 75 cts to be paid in labor. I visited Algiers at night & bargained with old Mr Mores for 2 meat casks with covers at \$1.25 a piece - to be ready on the 25th.

TUESDAY, DECE'R 21 Sharp air - thin snow - barely sufficient to set empty sleighs and cutters in motion. Sylvanus drew 4 loads wood. Our hay stack of about 6 tons was about all consumed - Most of our corn fodder yet remained on hand - Father felt symptoms of hay fever coming on. After slow preparation, shaving &c., harnessed horses to sleigh - rode to Swift & S's - saw there S. Loomis with whom talked of school rate delinquents &c.

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Advised with Dr S. respecting the purchase of wheat - whether to do so or buy flour - adopted the latter alternative - wheat being 6/9 pr bhl and flour  $\frac{7}{8}$  \$5 $\frac{1}{4}$ . At Doolittle's mill bo't 2 bbls & for the whole p'd \$11.70 Previously borrowed of S. & Son the sum of \$12. Saw at the mill my friend L. Jewett who said his wife was getting better - had p'd \$2. tow'd School rate. In returning from Alg's rec'd at the P. Office our umbrella on which had to pay a charge of 6 cts postage - See Dec'r 15 - Borrowed of U.M. Robison, Spect. of Dec. 14, very pointed against the President's Mess. Likewise rec'd 7 No's of the Jor'l of Health, published at Philadelphia, Pa., to which cous. G.P. & myself had become subscribers, for 1829 & or say first & second V's. In the eve'g S. Parsons Esq with our sister Ruth, daughter, Marcia Ann and driver Bowers came from H. Falls in a sleigh. Leaving Mrs P. with us to visit her infant daughter Mary E. - drove forward to Pownal where the Esq wished to see & transact some business of importance with Solomon Eldred respecting his mother. The little girl which had been left with us since Nov. 22d did not for a long time recognize the features nor the voice of her mother - which caused the latter to experience feelings of a most unpleasant kind. Very cold night.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 22 Extremely cold day - Sylvanus drew down 5 l'ds wood. Laid away ab't 120 lbs June cheese in oats. Perused Jou'l of Health. Visited town P.M. conveyed 27 lbs cheese made in May to Samuel Chandler's, on note at 7" pr lb - spent some time in the printing office - talked with col Merrill on politics - Did not care much for the the subject. Borrowed of cous. U.M.R. Spect'r of Dec 17 - S. Parsons Esq ret'd with his daughter &c - took in sist. Ruth & drove home to Hoosick. H. Waters here this evening.



THURSDAY, DEC 'R 23 Very cold morning - towards evening softened down materially. Sylvanus drew 3 loads wood and assisted cous. Geo P. Harw'd in killing the fat cow called "Loft Horn" 14 yrs old of ugly disposition - Long a pen cow - Business of no great importance called me up-street- Bo't at Swift & Son's a whip saw at 71" - 4 h. saw files, 36" - 15 panes 6 x 8 glass - 52 cts & 2 lbs whiting  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , total \$1.66". I talked of purchasing cloth for a box coat, but took time to consider. I. J. Hendryx being in distress for money borrowed of doct. S \$30 - if I rightly understood it - until Saturday next - Returned in the eve'g, after getting saw filed by capt. Waters, and enjoyed a fine visit with our fr'ds Steuben and Gustavus Southworth, the latter making it his business the pres't season to teach school W. p't Arlington

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FRIDAY, DEC 'R 24 High S. wind - snow melted away. O. W. Daniels furnished man & team to assist in drawing wood - Sylvanus and his brother Andrus drew 5 loads apiece. Orren this P.M. harnessed our horse with his mare - drove to the Furnace - rec'd 1 ton iron and started for Troy in the eve'g - I sawed a small quantity of wood and then prepared to go up to the Court House to hear Lectures on Education by Mr Holbrook - made calls at Chandler's and at Swift's - Got in in season to hear the discourse. In the first place Mr Hall informed the audience of the object of the meeting and then moved that there be a Chairman & Secretary chosen - Judge Pettibone was appointed to fill the first and U. M. Rob. the second office. I was much interested in what Mr H. advanced, but felt the want of talent and time too much to undertake giving a description or representation of this novel performance which we presume will receive ample notice in the V. Gazette. The 2d Lecture was delivered to a more numerous audience in the evening - after which a small contribution was taken up. The meeting then consulted together about the establishment of a County Lyceum - it was finally concluded most proper to form two such institutions at either end of the county - proceeded to app't of a large committee composed of 2 members from each town in this shire - I then left the house - Saw Doct. Aaron McKee, his son William, one other son & 2 of his daughters heard the Lect. - several teachers were present - most of the members of the Bar and many of our principal citizens as likewise quite a number of Mr Southworth's scholars down to the youngest who very sensibly answered questions propounded by Mr H. On some day the present week Mr D. Clark made everything square in regard to our settl't on the 17th. Saw & promised to M. S. Norton 12 lbs butter. Came to Swift & S's & bo't the Hist. of Berkshire Co., Ms. returned to this house past 9 o'clock. I settled a small acc't with H. Hall who at first on my requesting his price for drawing my father's will - replied that although but little time was taken up in executing it, yet there was a sort of responsibility resting on him, for which must charge two dollars - I must confess this bolt was unexpected - did not raise my ideas

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to more than half that sum. I however meant not to let him see that I was at all choked - professed perfect willingness to meet the demand - stated my acc't for fowls & balance on butter to am't to \$1.39, which he said should balance his acc't. See D. Book p. 4 \$1.59.



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SATURDAY, DEC'R 25 Rained pretty seriously in the morning, was afterwards rather misty, foggy & warm - turned out to be a real thorough thaw. Our beef was weighed - quarters weighed 474, tallow 70 and hide 63½ - total 7607½ lbs. Three qr's were sawed up for our own use - 118 lbs fore qr sold to a neighbor - P.M. rode over soft ground to Algiers and procured & paid \$2.50 for those casks bespoke on Monday, and they appeared worth the money - In the evening took pleasure in perusing the History of Berkshire Co. In Alg. saw Cha's Norton who was not prepared to settle acc'ts, had left his books in the hands of an Att'y for settlement.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 26 Very mild, cldy & muddy - Perused Hist. of Berkshire Wrote Jour'l - Rec'd the company of G.P. Harwood, Edwin Robinson, H. Waters, Benj. R. Sears & N.L. Robison, the last paid me towards pork \$4.00 - Turn to Sept 25. Sylvanus gallanted Ad Harwood to meeting in Algiers - attended eve'g meeting of Meth. at our school house Or W. Daniels arrived in bad plight from Troy - travelling amazingly bad

MONDAY, DEC'R 27 Rained powerfully all day, snowed in the evening. Sylvanus conveyed children to school - afterwards went up street with him - had one forward foot of the bay horse and of the near ox severally examined by S. Chandler on acc't of lameness supposed to have originated in the mode of fastening the shoes - Both cases were some doubtful. Delivered to M.S. Norton 12 lbs butter which balanced acc'ts with him at 1/0. Benj Fay settled the books which were in his hands - my cr't lacked but 16 cts of exactly agreeing with his charges which in toto am'td to \$3.31". Balanced by cider, veal & butter - See Nov 11 1829 - June 8 1830, of Day Book, A. Spent some moment at the printing office - Returned to Dr Swift's store & bo't 1 lb mustard s'd, charged 14 cts. Had shoe mended for Ad. at Chandler's, p'd 0/9 Got home late - had fuss bowing up cows after dark. B.R. Sears with H. Waters performed job of painting for Mrs Wid. Norton. G.P. Harwood called late in the eve'g - had to drive up Mr Getty's cattle to prevent mischief to major L. Norton's affairs - went home immediately.

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TUESDAY, DEC'R 28 Gr'd cov'd with snow - rather mild - streams high - mud deep. Sylvanus arose very early, worked at wood pile besides carrying & fetching children to & from school - I tinkered at the barn, sawed some wood &c. H. Waters & B. Sears started from here this morning. The former in the evening was full of hunt for next day. Sylvanus sawed up W's beef for him. Mrs Kent bro't in an acc't of \$2. for spinning which was balanced as specified - Day Book p. 5.

WED. DEC'R 29 Pretty mild - snowed smartly a little while in the morning, remained cldy all day. Sylvanus with Mr Getty, Mr Wright, H. Waters & Ben S. (who I ought not to mention as being with the others going out late by himself) went on a hunting frolic - started a fox somewhere on Mt Anthony which they followed to the W. part of the town. Affairs at the barn were regulated. Children were carried to school - Diadamia & M.A. Waters rode up street - were employed there & the former in Algiers during the remainder of the week. I went up on foot & at the shop of John Hicks found Will'd Green Sen disputing with capt. Hicks and J.E. Robinson on the Missionary cause. Spoke to H. Hall - rec'd no reply - did not hear, it is likely.



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Borrowed Spect. of U.M. Rob. Dec 21 - Bo't of him Register (Vt) 1830 for 10 cts, p'd. Talked with Dr S. respecting corn which he thought he could buy for fifty four cents pr bushel. Spent the evening reading paer & hunting up acc't against John Hicks. Rec'd & paid postage 37½ cts for 2 letters from H. Palmer, Ogdensb'g, N.Y. & Adeline Stone, N. Bradford, C't. The first stated that himself and family were in good health - would remove back to Hopkinton in Feb - that his father Harwood had written from Ohio that without assistance from some quarter, should lose his farm. The letter bro't no bad news as to health &c. mentioned circumstances of a queer and laughable nature - Pleased us greatly.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 30 Dark blue clds hovered over the mountains - moderate & thawy - S. chilly wind. Rained at night. Business at the barn employed us a part of the day. Marched up Street and settled acc'ts in part with John Hicks - paid him in full up to this date \$1.52. I had 3/6 charged for use of cidermill - 1828 -

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which I must bring in against his father, who probably might owe 30 cts. I said I marched up - instead of which ought to have stated that I rode up in a sleigh - carrying 63½ lbs hide - rode down by Gov. R. house, then up the new road, bad sleighing - by Hunt's to Algiers - sold hide to B. Squires at 5 - payable on Saturday next. Saw him with his friend O. Abell in Lyman's office. Visited and asked settlement with my friend Charles Norton - was not ready - agreed to copy his acc't from his book at Lyman's office and have it ready whenever I should call. Proceeded onward to Evans' where halted, inquired whether the school rate of 54 cts was paid - Mrs E. said not - informed her it ought to be paid on Saturday next - she thought it would be - Drove on to John Ayres', whose lady told me that her husband had not paid his S. rate - circumstances unfavorable had prevented its payment - Begged I would not sue - replied I should not. She assured me it certainly should be paid. Mr Ev. was gone to - Ayres was at work for Mr House. As I came past the S. house called and gave Adeline a passage home. In the evening was agreeably entertained reading Branch's Rep't on Naval Affairs - Also looked in the Hist. of Berkshire as well as in the Cyclopoedia. Compared my cash acc'ts & found in my hands \$2.18¾" leaving 5 cts more in bank than I had accounted for.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 31 Rained a great deal over night - wind contin'd strong & high from S. and S.E. continued raining hard through the day. Too wet for the prosecution of much business abroad. Much against her will - Adeline rode to school on the big bay mare - seated on side-saddle. Sylvanus brought her home behind him. He performed some chopping, made a beetle &c. I wrote a long letter to Adeline Stone, N. Branf'd, C't - Mentioned everything I could think of that would please her - Stated hanging up my hat - alluded to the chewing of May Weed by her sist. C. Gave a history of the business which occurred on the 27th & 31st Oct. Late marriages, deaths &c. Professed great anxiety to pay them a visit. H. Waters assisted this evening in driving cattle into the stable. Hammered a quantity of putty for us, afterwards. Father stuck close to the Hist. of Berkshire Co.

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SATURDAY, JAN'Y 1 N.W. wind blew stoutly, clouds black & angry - some squalls of snow flew - ground frozen dry on the surface.  
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H. Waters this morning set a few panes of glass - wished us all a Happy N. Year" early in the morning - cleared for his shop. I fixed up pretty decently - walked to the Post Office - deposited my letter to Adeline S Rec'd a letter from Wm E. Brayton Esq enclosing a certificate of deposit at Farmer's Bank, Troy, for the sum of \$405.74 or I dot know but that it was \$406.00 which on presenting it to the Cashier of Bennington Bank was cashed by him to the am't due me - \$405.24 - fifty cents being deducted by Esq B. for interest on \$100 paid Dec. 1st. There were several persons doing business there - Cous. U.M. among the rest felt so confident of the accuracy of the cashier that I neither requested him to count it out to me nor did I attempt it myself - so after backing the certificate left the B'k for Childs' shoe store where an account of \$5.38 was settled and paid in full - being 3 prs ladies shoes - or rather 2 prs shoes and 1 do boots - Came down to F. Blackmer & Co's - paid H. Blackmer - Const. & Collector, Taxes in full \$20.15 - Settled with and paid F.B. & Co in full of acc'ts \$6.8" S. Loomis came in, to whom paid \$1.30 for which took a receipt to show that it applied on the school rate of Ephraim Coon which I had concluded it was fruitless to attempt to collect, therefore must do in this way and charge it to the District. Went over to the store of Swift & Son - made an end of our sett't commenced Dec'r 1st. Whole am't charged on book since Dec 1 1829 - \$101.88 Cr't up to Dec. 1 1830 \$24.91" - Balanced by paying money \$76.97. I now requested friend Edward to count my money which he readily did, making a loss to me of \$2.00 - I was started - asked him to count the parcel handed over to him - he did so & found it to contain \$1. over-count which made me good so far. I had taken minutes exact of my payments and knew that if the cashier were correct I left the B'k with \$407.30 because I had prevocous to going there \$2.06 - returned to Balackmer's where friend Hiram and his brother counted & found the same deficiency. Marched to Childs' where I was assured & convinced by their showing the money that there was no mistake

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Now visited the Cashier & submitted my case to him. He counted and saw the loss but was very unwilling to believe any mistake had been committed by him, I told him there was but one person to whom I had paid money but that I had seen and that was Mr S. Loomis - if I should not find it with him - must then think I had rec'd less than my due from the Bank. He presumed I should find it with Mr L - however if I should fail there and be positive that I had lost it at the B'k



he would pay it over - So upon that returned to the doctor's - rec'd 1 lb tea charged to B. Harwood 3/6 and 46" worth large rope at 1/0 - came home and supped - and enjoyed the society of Mr Wight. While settling with F. B. & CO., saw capt. P. Dewey and some other persons of my acquaintance there. Doct. N. Swift had to visit the wife of Mr A. Sherwood on acc't of sickness - he travelled on foot. H. Waters was flying about the stores in his usual lively manner - found him grinding paint at his shop in the evening. B. Sears was employed on I. B. Dewey's chest. M. A. Waters was waited upon here this evening.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 2 Good sound pleas't cold weather. Early visited neighbor Loomis this morning to inquire respecting money. He said after he got home, on looking over his money perceived that he was \$1. better off than he had calculated to be, but supposing it possible that s'd money was there previous to his going to town or that it had remained some time unheeded in his pocket book - took no further thought concerning it. However since I had stated what is mentioned above, he was not clear but that it belonged to me. Mrs L. related circumstances which went to show that her husband had never rec'd such money of me - indeed there werre such strong doubts raised as almost to dissuade me from taking it - At last rec'd the money with a proviso that if, when Miss Betsey came home, the matter could be soon cleared up as to show clearly that I was wrong - the same should be handed back in full. In all this transaction, a suspicion the most distant, was not harbored by me against our neighbor & his people - They simply & honestly stated facts as they occurred to their minds - So I left them and in crossing the farm of E. Fay Sen'r met friend E. Jun'r with whom halted and conversed a few moments - came home & spent the day pretty busily writing. Paid Betsey L., or her folks 32 cts in full for Mrs Kent - See Day Book B. p. 5

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Cousin G. P. Harwood spent most of the day here. Mr Wight obliged us with his company over night and until late in the m'g - p'd his respects to Mr Selden's people - found all well there excepting Mr S. who had rec'd a bad hurt by falling across a waggon wheel on Sat'y. Father attended public worship 1/2 a day at the Cong'l Church - Mr Lee preached - too low however for his ear. In the eve'g Mr W. returned and with Sylvanus, Adeline & Hopkins attended Methodist meeting at the school house.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 3 Pleasant for winter - hazy, thawed some - gr'd firmly drozen. In 1 h. wagg. conveyed Miss M. A. Waters to F. Blackmer's - stepped into the store to see if he, F. B., had credited to me 2/6 which I had minuted against him as applying on goods rec'd by Diadama - he searched faithfully without finding such item - and finally as no corroborating circumstance could be mentioned by me - concluded to let it rest - supposing it to have been paid on balance due for goods which were never charged - nor was it entered in my Day Book A. Drove to Baton's Shaftsbury - bo't 14-11/16 lbs sole leather - at 25 ct & 1 Calf-skin \$1.50 - Bill amt'd to \$5.22 - paid in full. Saw Mr John Morse and his son John who appeared to be settling acc'ts there. Before reaching Mr B's saw and conversed with a young man who said his name was Chase of White Creek, N. Y., wanted to trade off a black mare, smart & good, 9 years old, - to bring a colt next spring - for a pair of



oxen fit for business. I could not inform of such a chance, however did not know but that possibly we might make a bargain of that kind - invited him to call. I forgot to state that while at F.B. & Co's saw Mr Sol Safford, Lawyer Squiers and capt. Sam'l Blackmer - the latter feeble & pale - slowly recovering from late sickness - All united in opposition to the President's Message. Returned to Bennington Street sometime previous to sunset - Settled an acc't for Diadama of \$2.42" at L.Patchin & Co's for which she furnished money of which \$2. were paid in by L.B.D. At Doct. N.S's attempted a settlement - but failed on account of finding nothing endorsed on my note in the hands of Dr N. Swift. I am so bewildered concerning this business that I am unable to state particulars as is my custom after settlement. So certain was I that the value of

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a certain barrow hog - Deliv'd (last) Dec. 1829 and a sum equal to the int. up to the time of paym't - in money or some other way had been endorsed - that I was astonished - and was at a loss to say how it was - Came home, examined D.B'k A. - found both items - hog - deliv'd Dec. 5 \$4.50. Cash paid over on the eve'g of Dec 17, 1829, \$6.50. This, however, had neglected entering on my Jor. - the other was very fully mentioned there. The money was paid to doct. S. himself who promised to endorse it - did not stay to see it done - being in haste to get over to Hicks' to attend a book Auction holden there that evening - See Journal of that date - Int. 1 y'r \$11.28 - remaied unpaid 28 cents - But for 2 years, ending Dec 16 & contin'd up to this day as cash by Ed. H. amt'd to \$23.06. Had my acc't made out from minutes collected from old book & Day B. A., on a slip of paper, on which was entered credit \$3.92 & afterwards - the whole of the Doct's acc't posted up from settlement in 1827 was added thereto - which made it \$3.92", more than it ought to have been, occasioned altogether by one of my own blunders - of which I am unusually full. This was discovered after I had paid over \$14 tow'd int. out of which sum was deducted and handed back to me. Returned home as stated above - looked up articles & passed the evening mostly writing Journal.

TUESDAY, (DEC 'R) Had rained over-night - commenced thawing early in  
JAN'Y 4 the day - rained slightly from S.E. wind strong in  
that qr - depth of mud constantly increasing. Rode  
to Algiers - visited Mr Volentine with whom requested settlement -  
Books were not posted - while he was employed in looking up articles -  
perused some of the private correspondence of Lawrence Sterne while in  
France, 1762 which on many accounts is curious and amusing - Mrs John  
Norton & Mrs Volentine came in - I spoke with the former. Afterwards  
Mr V. exhibited charges for carding and cloth dressing amounting to  
\$4.37 - paid him \$2.25 - It was not a final settl't - suffered it to  
stand until after the next piece of cloth should be finished - See Nov.  
4. Convey'd boots to be mended to at J.Harwood's. On my return called  
at B.Squires' - saw J.Rogers & young Horatio Stone with whom talked  
some & by the hand of Henry Safford rec'd pay in full for hide \$3.17 -  
sold to B. Sq'r on Thursday - S. was out of health - at that mom't J.B.  
Norton Happ'd along in front of Buckley's wood house and shed - to whom  
paid the acc't of Twiss & Norton \$8.00 in full - which he promised to  
balance. Came down to J.Norton & Son Charles - solicited the settl't  
so much talked



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of but they were not ready - Came up through mud & mire to N. Swift & S's where everything was fairly adjusted respecting the acc't, interest, note &c. The last was renewed in the sum of \$188. on demand with interest. In this settlement ~~my~~ ideas were much confused so that I lost sight of particulars. Called on & settled & paid in full for medical attendance up to the present date, to Dr H. Swift, \$4. Went with him to view his convenient barn-yard - water convey'd at great expense in lead pipes &c. Felt, after getting home, well satisfied with myself in regard to settling up & paying sums due on a/c. A small one I have omitted mentioning. In 1827 Capt. C. Hill's had a small dem'd against us which I paid in 2 bbls cider with the exception of 44 cts which I this day handed him in his horse shed - Wished him to balance his books so that nothing should stand against me - He replied he had no charge against me - Enquired concerning our dairy &c - about which I gave him correct answers. I say I enjoyed real contentment as to such affairs until the cash a/c with myself was examined from which it appeared that there was a deficit of \$5. & a few cts., the money having been carefully counted. In doing business at the Doct's my head was so far turned as not to ascertain on the spot the sum paid on Note, or rather tow'd interest - the sum of \$8.36 would make my a/c correct as to the reckoning - so gave myself credit to that amount which subsequently led me into trouble and disgrace. I imagined that by some strange ~~eenjunctien~~--- conjuration independent of any wrong motive - I had paid said money (\$5.) to our friend E.H. not dreaming that I could leave out anything in my a/c. Presumed that Ed'd had deceived himself in such manner as to cause me to do as before stated - This was the full extent of my suspicions - Under these impressions went to bed.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 6 Fair and fine, but horrid travelling. Rode up Street with my spouse - visited Patchin's - they had not got what we called for. Came down to Swift & S's where the woman bo't a small am't of goods on cr - while I had my settlement once more overhauled - and here I actually played the fool by acting under a wrong impression. I imagined there was a mistake where there was none - I endeavored to show an

error in the face of the plainest case that could possibly be made out. The simple & only proper question with me ought to have been the am't of money paid over which Edw'd repeatedly proved to me, or endeavored so to do, for I was positively beside myself and shall ever have reason to feel ashamed of my conduct on this occasion - I say he made it out \$3.12 But no; because I had missed \$5. I would have it that by some curious slip in the transaction of our business, it had been swallowed up inadvertently. The case was just as simple as this. The Doct's acc't in full includ'g int. on note up to Jan 4 amounted to \$35.52. Mine, including what was paid towards interest last year, arose to \$32.40, which left due him \$3.12. I was guilty of trying to prove it was totally dark at noon day. So much for an exhibition of more than ~~feneieus~~-weakness--- feminine weakness - It originated, not to forget weakness of head, in the confusion in which I was thrown on finding the endorsements wanting on note - See Jan'y 4 - Came home - assisted in sawing wood - my mind much agitated on acc't of the supposed loss. H. Waters & B. Sears called as they returned from L. Jewett's where they had been endeavoring to nego-



tiate a bargain for wood, but failed. Early in the evening, feeling great uneasiness on acc't of loss, walked down to the store of J. & J.B. Norton to know what, I was positive was not so, whether I had p'd it to him. This he proved otherwise at once by showing the very money I paid him. Staid only a few moments - saw B. Squires, Luther Park and my old friend John N - likewise spoke with Harry Norton - Returned by the same route home. I.B. Dewey came to see H. Waters to get a new chest, which the latter had made for him - rode in one h. wagg. Before going to bed found my wonderful mistake which had occasioned all this phrensy and consequently drawn down so much disgrace on my name as a man of business. The payment to Barton for leather was not entered in my cash book. On discovering this sat down immediately and wrote a letter to friend Edward H. in which I solicited a thous'd pardons for putting him to so much trouble this day - expressed as much as to say my conduct was a full commentary on the frailty of human nature - Informed him of the mistake and assured him of my determination never to have my head examined by a Phrenologist while in possession of the few senses which yet remained. Sent the aforesaid letter pr H. Waters next morning.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 6 I have just corrected a blunder, or rather I will now correct one - Wednesday, Jan'y 5 - was a very rainy, wet, muddy, unpleas't day. Orren W. Daniels came down and took away his waggon which had remained here ever since his last trip to Troy. Two men came up from Algiers to buy cider - Messrs Smith & Hover. Mrs Harwood and I were all day thinking of going to the stores. Busied myself in writing most of the day. The acc't of this day should have been inserted in the place of the 6th. Adeline at night on the 5th got badly wet returning from school.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 7 Pleas't for winter - muddy P.M. a chilly wind prevailed from N., still it was thought very mild. With Sylvanus, team of 4 & caet went to wid. E. Dewey's & rec'd ten thous and shingles (spruce) on H. Waters' a/c (who charged to me, or said he would, 11/0 pr thous'd) of Jed Dewey. Sent S. home round by Norton's across the S. end of the farm. I marched to the shop of James Harwood where had boots tapp'd & other mending executed for 2/0 on a/c. Cousin Judah Harwood came there and was very sociable - also Mr Isaac Judd formerly a neighbor of ours. After starting for home was overtaken & conveyed by our neighbor J. Pitts Godfrey, who was on his return from carrying a load of ware to Chesterfield, N. Hampshire in wagg. to Mr Fay's where I called and paid Mrs Lydia Fay \$4, Bennington money, towards weaving. Saw the old gentleman, Deac. F. Jun., Miss Eunice Jewett, Mrs Laura Green, Ruthy the Bride and another young lady unknown to me. Mrs Kent was said to be ill.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 8 Cold but pleasant - thawed P.M. Sharp and freezing in the evening. Chopping and sawing wood was carried on. Tho's Kent assisted 3/4's of the day with the axe. Sylvanus drew 1 load wood for Thomas. This P.M. & evening we rec'd the company of Rodney and Luman Montague and their brother-in-law Strong - and Mrs Julia Montague, consort of Smith M, Mrs Strong & babe and Miss Rachel Montague the youngest of that family. We were very agreeably entertained in various ways. Friend Rod shewed us a curious paper on the ancestry of the M. family. Lewis shewed himself by shewing a sort of artificial snake



which he carried in a little box which he drew from his pocket - on taking off the lid it would fly out suddenly and frighten a person unacquainted with it.

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much was said in allusion to former days - 1809,10,11,12,13,14 &c. Many remarks respecting their country were made from which we gathered much valuable information. Orr W. Daniels along with his father paid us a visit - the former tarried over night. On Thursday sold his oxen to Norman Norton at \$60. This evening paid in full for Brassy cow \$6. - see Nov 25 - agreed to wait on him until March for the money due for the Parsons cow - Sunday morning handed me his note for \$10 due Mar 25, being three months after date - with interest. On the 7th forgot to write that a gentleman belonging to Troy whose name was Van Vleck, who had lodged at Mr Norton's the night preceding, sold father a box of vegetable oil ointment highly recommended as a remedy for burns, freezes, rheumatic complaints &c &c for which he asked & rec'd in full 50 cents. This morning our friends P. Dewey & J. Brooks had business here on acc't of waiting upon a certain gentleman whose services they no longer wanted. Visited in the house awhile besides viewing our stock, hay, dry wood &c. Informed us that E. D. Hubbell had the mortification this morning to find two of his best cows dead - occasioned by falling through the stable floor under which the ground was low - say 4 feet.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 9 Show had fallen during the night & it continued falling very moderately during perhaps half the day - rather cold - wind N. Was very fully employed in the usual way. Cous. G. P. Harwood paid us a friendly visit. Orren contin'd with us most of the day. Cous. G. bro't up some late Spectators containing interesting details of the great events taking place in the European World - In these I read a few articles. Thought much on my late display of folly & want of common sense at Swift's Store. In the evening Sylvanus yoked & hitched the oxen to the sleigh & drove to the S. School house in that way, carrying Diadamia to Mrs Kent's where she staid to watch with Mrs K. who was considerably out of health - also waiting upon Adeline, Hopkins & others to the stated Meth. meeting usually holden there on Sabbath evenings - H. Waters was of the party. Cousin M. A. Waters kept Sunday from ~~here~~ home.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 10 Severely cold in the morning - more mild a good deal P.M. Very sharp again in the evening. Sleighs were out, but the snow was too thin for sleighing.

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Waggoning was improving, but it was none too pleasant. Sylvanus this morning broke his new axe, which made business for father in Algiers to get it jumped, as we say - failed in getting that and another job executed the pres't day - it was promised on the morrow, so he amused himself in visiting the families of J. Rogers & E. Chase whom he reported in good health. I performed little else than conveying the children to school and having wood saw filed by Capt E. Waters at the shop of his son-in-law Kendrick. Spent sometime at Swift & Son's. Heard Doct. Bigelow talking with Dr N. Swift respecting the settlement of another minister - The former wished for advice how to proceed - the matter seemed fraught with nulerous difficulties - which if I could name them there is not time for insertion here. Dr S. said his name should not



be entered on the subscription list because it would do vastly more injury than good to the cause - standing as they would say he did at the head of the Pioneer Party - mentioned how mistaken people were in their notions respecting his property - offered to take in money \$10,000 for everything he possessed - and that his brother Heman would accept of \$30,000 in like manner. Visited the Hill - saw Col Merrill - promised to him about 30 lbs cheese at 7" - said he could not pay money down, but would hand it over soon - Engaged more of the same to M.L. Selden at the same rate - to be paid for in the latter part of March. Returned home early in the evening. Orren W. Daniels this morning took away our bay horse with an understanding that he might put him to service until the opening of spring when he would return him in as good if not better condition than he found him - and if his services amt'd to more than his keeping, he would pay the difference - if it proved the contrary, we would make him good - took with the horse the greater part of our two horse harness. He visited the Furnace, procured a load of iron, came here, put up for the night and started for Troy early next morning. H. Waters froze himself early in the morning hunting foxes. B. Sears waited upon M.A. Waters in a cutter from the Street in the fore part of the day, to our house. - it was with him that I rode to town.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 11 Raw S. wind - cldy - expected a thaw. Sylvanus was employed on woodpile - I sawed wood, but not very swiftly.

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Father continued too ill to labor. We this morning relieved a first rate cow from a perilous situation into which she was cast by her stronger neighbor which stood next to her in the stable. Had she perished thus - two inches at least would have been added to a face naturally very long. Maj'r Bates in his cutter drawn by a good horse rigged out with bells, called to inquire respecting some sheep of his that were missing. We informed him that there had been 5 head which we took to be of the flock we sold him on the 26th June 1830 - feeding in our pastures for several weeks - that Mr Fay came up, claimed & took away one, and the remainder were then in sight feeding near the head of the hither brook - a little below the rocks. He requested us to get them in and on a day not distant would call, take them away and pay us for their keeping - to which I consented - making him reiterate his promise to take them off at an early day. Sylvanus rode up Str't, delivered to Col Merrill 24 and to M.L. Selden 10½ lbs very good may or June cheese - See opposite page - Waters & B. Sears ret'd from town with S. - They feasted on Hiram's custard baked by him on Sunday the 9th. I read with considerable interest the debate in the Brit. Parl't at the commencement of the N. Ministry, in which they promised much - Nov 22d or 23rd. R. Moon swapped off the Brassy cow in a horse trade - she was driven to Pownal.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 12 Some snowy in the morning - wind got r'd N.W. cold increased every mom't to the end of the day. Father could not venture abroad on business - Sylvanus pursued chopping - looked for Bates' sheep - enquired at Robinson's - had seen tracks, but could find nothing of them. Father amused himself reading our Counting house Almanack and Manufacturer's, Mechanick's &c Register. G.P. Harwood came up this evening and made a sort of settlement with me. Took up notes - 39 & 59 dollars - giving due bill for interest thereon since Oct 1 & 6 \$1.58 - afterwards added to those sums first mentioned the follow



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ing items - paid balance on pans \$3.19, cash placed in my hands, Nov 6 1830 \$3. then by my paying him 52 cents towards L.Norton's a/c which he settled for me up to this day (a/c \$2.33") left balance due G.P. \$1.81, all which being added together, interest excepted, amt'd to \$106.00 for which gave note of hand due 6 mo's from date, with use. Ought not to omit saying I sawed wood - H.Waters returned from chopping over near the Biddlecomb place - with Sears bo't standing wood at 75" pr cord.

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Wednesday - contin'd - Jan 12 My father, the first living white child born within the limits of the town of Bennington, was 69 years of age - and although some broken with age, performed as much labor the past year as many of the young bucks who work by the month.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 13 Clear and extremely cold, w'd N.W. Father continuing unwell was mostly confined to the house. Sylvanus & Tho's Kent joined Waters & Sears on foot, marched to G.Blackmer's woods and spent the day chopping, 2nd growth timb'er, N.E. Wid. Biddlecomb's. I sawed wood until past noon - took care of cattle and spent a part of the P.M. hunting for Bates' sheep - saw nothing of them excepting snow tracks. We found belonging to us to our mortification, a dead hog this morning - supposed he might have been chilled to death, as he lay by himself - was the same that Gov. Tichenor had a few weeks since, borrowed for a particular kind of service. Thos whom he employed to drive him we always supposed injured the creature by hard usage on the road. See last paragraph of Saturday.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 14 Hazy in the early part of the day - clear P.M. continued cold, but not to such a pitch as on the 13th. Sylvanus worked again for H.Waters near the Biddlecomb place - Father and mother were both ill. I sawed wood and looked to affairs at the barn. T.Kent drew a load of wood for himself, his mother contin'd ill. Boys arrived late from their work. Wm Seaton considered himself to be very near his end - made no small stir - it was however thought that the man was beside himself in a great measure. In the evening read Article "Colony" in the Cyclopoedia. Gave the N.Y. papers a pretty thorough perusal.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 15 S<sup>t</sup>rong wind with a thin snow flying from N.W. became very tedious at night. Father & mother contin'd out of health - the latter was troubled with a great hoarse cold. Sylvanus nearly compleated cutting up woodpile - the large wood being 4 feet in length and split & piled ready for sawing. After long preparation, picking up newspapers, shaving, washing feet &c &c marched in face of the snow storm - up to F.Blackmer & Co's - returned somd old Horn papers - called & got 1 No. Journal of Health at the P.O. - visited U.M.Robinson in his office and borrowed N.Y.Spect - Jan 5 & and 11. Returned to Swift & Son's - Bo't for both sides the house on cr. goods amt'g to \$1.22, including 1 lb tea, at 3/6, for B.H. Had iron to saw frame



fixed at Chandler's for which they would charge nothing. I would mention seeing at Swift's Mr Ira Armstrong who talked much about making roads - proposing a very different system from that not pursued - to have every freeholder bound to keep, as much of the public highway as his tax would come to, in good repair the year round - to have him responsible to a kind of Surveyor Gen'l of Roads through every or any town. I have not time to write more upon that. Say Doct. F. Johnson. This morning Mrs Ruth Parsons came from Hoosick & rec'd her child Mary Elizabeth after we had kept her 7 weeks & 5 days. She was waited upon by a young Watson in a sleigh who, accomp'd by another team was employed by our fr'd Seth P., the gen'l, to transport his mother, wid. Eldred and household stuff to Hoosick where she expects to reside for the future. Mrs P. felt in such haste to get here that she refused to wait for the teams to bait at Hicks', came along the road on foot - was kindly favored by a quaker who took her into his sleigh and bro't her to the foot of our Lane. Mr Wight came up to enjoy and keep Sabbath with us - at any rate the beginning of it. H. Waters rec'd at the Furnace his pay in full and \$25.00 over, supposed through mistake.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 16 High blowing N.W. wind, snow flying - real Winter. Endeavored to read, but other business took off my attention so much as to hinder me in that respect - cattle, swine, &c., wanted looking to. Cousin G.P. carried home Pitkin's Hist. U.S. and returned with a book on Agriculture with a few good plates in it showing the different breeds of horned cattle therein recommended. Mr Wight paid his regards to his old friends at Mr Selden's, went half a day to meeting - spoke well of Mr Lee the preacher - returned & spent the remainder of the day with us. Adeline & Hipkins were ailing with bad colds. H. Waters had greatly injured his feet & ankles by wearing a pair of bad coarse boots made for him by Levi Clark, who accord'g to his warrant must take back and give a good pair in lieu thereof. Lieut Safford sent Mr Seaton a load of wood by cous. I. B. Dewey - on acc't of his being ill.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 17 The severity of the weather continued with little or no variation - little or no snow flying. Sylvanus conveyed children to school on horseback - this done he took team and assisted some by me picked up & carried to the school house a good load of wood and worked up the greater thereof into stove wood. Orr Daniels called on us, had frozen his foot badly on his last trip to Troy - during his absence his black colt had rec'd a powerful

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injured by having been hooked by a very ugly cow - Declared if he had been present he would have killed her if it had sent him to the State P. S'd cow was the property of Mrs Joanna Eldred, now of Hoosick, N.Y. D. LOVE & U.M. Robinson passed us in a cutter - the latter dropt some remarks in allusion to the loose manner in which our wood lay about the highway. The same was served to us by a young beau snugly seated by a lady in a cutter. The wood however was properly disposed of before we left it. Coming home the first slightly singed the rim of my right ear. Cous. G.P. Harw'd had come up closed up his business with Maj. L. Norton and came up to board with us awhile. Father was so well as to be able to visit the barn & fodder the cattle - under a heavy fit of "HAY FEVER"



this day. The first cut of the W. hay mow was nearly gone - spent well and was of good quality.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 18 Pretty severe in the morning - moderated down greatly before night. Sylvanus was engaged in drawing wood for H. Waters - having the oxen of G. Robinson united with ours in the service - they drew 1 load from near the Biddlecombe Place to H. Waters' house in the Str't. Father had his health sufficient to enable him to fodder his cattle &c. I visited Algiers - rec'd an axe lately jumped by H. Norton, warranted at \$1. and 75 cts without - I chose it warranted - likewise a thing made of iron to be used on the frame of wood-saw instead of cord chiefly of my own invention, without a name - price 50 cts. Saw many sleighs & cutters of all descriptions moving lively to & fro in that Street. Went to Grover's Furnace to see respecting the plow due us for team work performed for O.W. Daniels. The man was gone to Tinmouth or some other place at the North - Nothing yet done about plows. Saw Mr Solomon Lawrence there having horse-shoeing done - Spoke of buying our bay horse next spring - intimated a willingness to trade, hoped we might make a bargain. My way from this establishment was up Street. Near Wid. Dewey's met our cous. L. with whom held a short dialogue about rheumatic knees & shoulders - am't of Dairy &c. At Hicks' saw Warren Wadsworth's new elegant sleigh stage. Young Dexter was about to quit town for Troy. Went to L. Patchin & Co's, bo't & paid 83 cts for a waiter of pretty good size, but rather out of date Rec'd in borrowed jug 1 p't F. Brandy for which paid 17 cts. Isaac Rice and Geo. Godfrey were there - also Mr Jones

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who was formerly a tenant under the late capt. Elijah Dewey of whom he spoke very favorably. Geo Godfrey told me he was all for going to Illinois. Came down to Swift & S's where Ed informed me he had deliv'd on my acc't to G.P. Harwood a wool hat - charged 75 cts. On the eve'g of the 17th cous. N.L. Robinson visited & paid us 3 bbls borrowed rye which he rec'd July 13 1830. Cous. Emily & Heman were with him.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 19 Snug winter - not however very tedious - snowed slowly - snow considerably blown about. H. Waters & Sylvanus were very early on their way to Shirkshire whence they drew 2 loads wood rated at 2 cars with 2 yoke oxen - and in the evening attended Mr Andrew's Public. This Public was afterwards said to have been wound off with getting "3 sheets in the wind" by a number of the young men in attendance. On my part could boast of doing but little. Bates' sheep, 4 in number, were bro't home from Robinson's by me & cous. G. Mr Wight our teacher came up and informed me that friend Jewett had withdrawn his children from the school - had been to his house - saw his lady - who honestly said that she was not dissatisfied with the progress of the children in their studies, but from information obtained in an under-hand manner - concluded the discipline of the school was very slack - therefore it would become thin of course and consequently if they continued sending their children, their bill would be very burdensome, &c &c. It was on Tuesday that J's children were ordered out of school - Mr W. paid his respects to them in the evening, and this morning stopped his school for this day. I was sorely displeased - said a good deal that it would be no use to record here - Had flattered myself that no trouble of this kind would happen during the present term - was chagrined & perplexed with such behavior. Ed McGowan & his cous. young Eli Carpenter came down to solicit Mr W. in the name of their part of



the Dist. to continue the school. This evening rec'd my pay in full of Burrel Green on note given Sept 11 for pork, \$16.50 including 30" int. which was 12 more than my demand, but he would allow it because I had, as he said, waited on him like a gentleman. Mr Gett's turkey's were conveyed to him by me & cous. G.P. A few bbls corn were threshed out.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 20 A part of the day not so severe as it had been, grew very cold near night. The business of drawing wood as men-

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tioned above was pursued by H. Waters & Sylvanus. But little business was executed on my part - the sawing of a few sticks of wood in which cous. G. joined me comprehends it chiefly. The bottom of the hay mow so far as cut down was fed to the stock at night. In the evening Mr Wight entertained us with many lively anecdotes. We estimated our hay at about 30 tons - main E. mow entire - Scaffold, same side, pretty full.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 21 The extremity of the cold this morning was unusual was said to be 18 below zero at sun rise - amazingly severe until towards noon - more mild P.M. - hazy. Our cattle were fed on bean straw. Boys off early drawing wood - 2 l'ds again - Gov. Tichenor saw & was astonished at the magnitude of their l'ds. Father being some out of health amused himself reading Hist. of Eng'd. The morning was wasted in getting ready to visit the S. end of the School District. Mr W., accomp'd me, after dismissing his school at noon, to Mr J. House's where we found them warmly in favor of contibuing Mr W - learned too that there had been circulated out of school many evil reports tending to injure the reputation of Mr W. as a teacher - all false - Mrs Billing came into Mr H's room abd joined eagerly in conversation. Bar-room anecdotes succeeded each other in quick succession - An old neighbor of hers - Mr Rob't Reynolds, who could neither read nor write, and a Mr Allen were heroes of some of her stories. The old lady and Mr H., who had been for some days ill, were, as well as Mrs H., wide awake for our young friend. Mrs B. said some very queer things which could I aptly set down would hardly be admissible here - at any rate it highly pleased us. On our leaving - Mr W. kept on to the S. house while I called on Mrs Ayers and found her friendly - would most probably send their children next week - Left, and without calling on friend Levi and his people, who I had been informed were immoveably determined to send their children no more, came up to the S. house where an hour or so was spent in hearing the school go their several tasks which were very well got along with - Called the 2d time at Mr Fay's - rec'd 19 y'ds woolen cloth which was woven at 0/8 - her whole bill am'td to \$6.15 - had paid \$4.00 - now paid the balance excepting a fraction of 3" which I lacked for change to make out - she gave it in - told me twice not send it - parted on very friendly terms - Also in the morning paid Deac. Fay 25 cts for 25 bun-

dles straw borrowed in Oct last. Mr F. and his people were in good earnest to continue the school - Indeed this was the universal wish of the Dist. with the exception just mentioned. At Norton's saw Mr Norton who expressed his hearty desire to have the school go on. Rode home, or as far as Tan Brook with Mr Deming in his jumper - he had been to N. Adams



Ms., to see a man who wished to employ him there to superintend a tin shop - some talk was had of providing him a shop here - told him I should like it if he would continue with us. Mr W. entertained us with more anecdotes this evening.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 22 Contin'd very cold - wind blew pretty powerfully a part of the time - snow flew which added much to the sleighing - Late in the morning got ready for going up St. Mr Wight joined me - halted a mom't at Hicks' to see the stages which were pretty well supplied with passengers - called at Swift & S's & bo't goods amt'g to 55" on cr. Saw Mr Aaron Sherwood who appeared to be full of money - say \$200 or more. Returned the volume of the Cyclopoedia which I borrowed some weeks since. Ed H. said there was a prospect of buying 50 bbls corn for me at 50 cts which would be immediately forwarded me. AT U.M. Robinson's borrowed N.Y. Spect for 14 & 18 - he invited me to attend the teacher's meeting, at which understood afterw'ds that Capt Hall exhibited Geometrical, Triginometrical & Geographical apparatus - delivering at the same time an entertaining Lecture, was invited, but declined attending - At the Post O. rec'd & paid 10" postage for letter from Cous. E. Octavius Harwood - dated West Rutland, Vt., mainly to inform us of his ill health - more & greater ill behaviour of his father on whose account had expended the greater part of his property - solicited assistance from my father - stated his belief that his father had not rec'd his share of my Grandfather's estate. If \$10 could be forwarded it would answer for the present, or until next spring when he could get money for his work. In another part of his letter stated that unless he received assistance soon he should bring him back to Bennington by the first of March - Dated Jan. 17. Now Mr Octavius your father has rec'd everything and more than his portion of s'd estate - possessing not the shadow of a claim on this property - and if his children are unable to do more for him, the town of R. must take him in hand. He has no claim here equitably or lawfully, therefore his sollicitations will avail him nothing. Our boys drew 2 cors more wood - last load very large.

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In this service had employed Mr Robinson's oxen five days - the first of which they drew but 1 load - so charged but 50 cts - for that day - the other 4 were at 3/6. Rode from town with Mark Morrison who came down to visit his father-in-law. Just before leaving the Street spent a few moments at Swift & Son's where saw Col. F. Brackenridge along with his friend Northup - noticed in the former that the hair of his head had become considerably grey - scattering hairs of that description were to be found in my head previous to this day.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 23d Held on very tedious through the day wind kept blowing furiously from N.W. - snow flying - forests roaring - winter in full blowth. No going to Church. Got time to read but little - Mr W. - cous. G.P. &c &c kept Sunday with us. H. Waters prepared ox-sled for going to Shirkshire on the morrow. Past 8 in the evening arrived from Hoosick Falls, H. Parsons & sisters Annis & Ellen in good health or so as to be in decent health.



MONDAY, JULY 24 Fair, less wind by far than on the 23d but continued severely cold - wind mainly N. Our cousins started off in good season - Miss Ellen calculated on trying to obtain a place in which she might learn the tayloring business. Sylvanus & H. Waters resumed their last weeks employment with oxen & horse - drew 2 lds - but not so large as when they had R's oxen - Mr Wight cheerfully managed his school of 19 scholars - Adeline & Hopkins were of the number. Our woodpile took some sawing - cous G., I should say, was at it half or 3/4 of a day or more. Late P.M. application was made by Mr Seaton, who was yet too ill to attend to business, for a load of wood. Our team was absent - I went to Mr Robinson's - obtained boy & oxen - settled acc'ts - found due Mr R. fifty cents as stated - Day Book p. 9 - boy and oxen came over - put oxen before the sleigh on board of which a jag of wood placed & conveyed to friend S. Friend Orr W. Daniels, having with him his father & Mr Eli Carpenter, called to see about getting me a load of plaster - wanted bags enough to hold 1 ton - we furnished him with 5 - said he would borrow the remainder - lent him 3 bbls oats & gave him \$8 in money to pay for the plaster. Paid to Robinson's boy the fifty cts due his father. Our late winds had injured sleighing.

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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 25 No mistake as to its being a first rate cold morning - some clouds kept it from being exactly fair - wind N. H. Waters continued drawing wood from Shirkshire, cous. Geo P. taking the place of Sylvanus with the team, the latter being indisposed. Father employed himself chiefly at sawing wood. My grand business was that of writing an Answer to my cous. E. Octavius Harwood's letter of the 17th inst - conveying the same to the P. Office, copying it, and leaving it to the care of the P.M. - the copy was safely preserved - and literally contained the contents of the original, with the exception of the acquittance, and the words introductory thereto. This acquittance was a renewal of one that had been given & lost dated at Castleton, Vt., Oct. 1816 - renewed June 4 1823 - acknowledging that he, Clark Harwood, the father of my cousin, had rec'd his full share of his father Peter Harwood's real & personal estate. My letter was a plain piece of blunt composition - flatly denying the validity of my good uncle's pretended claim upon this estate - went pretty warmly through the whole - Shall say no more than to refer to the copy and to said Acquittance, the last being lodged with the old Will in the large desk. Visited the printing Office - got Gazette - came to the store of S. & S. transacted some small business - procured medicine for M. A. Waters. Rode home with H. Waters & G. P. Harwood on sled. Perused papers - in which U.S. Court & Geo. were talked of.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 26 Continued mortal cold, but not so very severe as the preceding day. Sylvanus with oxen & mare finished the shirkshire job of hauling wood for H. Waters - whose pile consisted of 15 cords - of which our team drew 13½. We moderately moved our saws. Cous. G. P. helping occasionally. Late in the day Orr W. Daniels arrived with 1 ton gr'd plaster for which he paid \$8. charged \$4. for transportation from Troy - was now going to wind up teaming. Sylvanus considered this day as ending the term of service in our employment - from this date until the 22d next March according to contract - the privilege of attending school is due him.



THURSDAY, JAN'Y 27 Not quite so tedious as it had been more mild, tolerably pleasant. Sylvanus was employed with team in conveying 3 saw logs and 1 sled crook to the saw mill of Olin & Colvin. Business at home the same - Geo P. sawed some wood & assisted in loading logs.

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Doct. H. Swift paid us a professional visit - drew 2 teeth for Diadama, bled mother, and left medicine for Mary Ann. Besides explained the difficulties between the S. Court U.S. and the State of Georgia. S'd vis occurred in the morning. The fanning mill which for a number of months had been standing in S.H. Brown's S. barn, was conveyed home - likewise 20 bundles straw lent Mr Robinson. They consid'd his face as getting better.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 28 Searching wind from N.W, pleasant fast winter weather. Sylvanus compleated carrying logs to the mill, the sixth and last being a fine large bass wood. One of said six was a fair Butternut. These two days work of Sylvanus were considered as paid in advance tow'd board. Continued sawing wood - father felt pretty well - used his saw accordingly - Sylvanus received assistance in loading logs - conveyed corn & oats to mill - Gep P. walked with H. Waters to W. Green's, the old House place - and the latter bargained for wood on the Col Safford farm. Orr Daniels paid us a visit last evening & went away this morning - told me he would drive up Grover for the plow due us for teaming in Nov. last.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 29 More moderate than it had been during 22 days last past in my opinion. Geo P. drew up the last of our wood the pres't season - 4 loads - I assisted the first 3 - H. Waters, the last, besides cutting up 1 l'd at the door and 3 cords sled length in Green's woods on the Col. Safford farm. Near the close of the day went to Algiers - left at Voluntines a piece of woollen cloth to be pulled and dressed - Mr V. was absent at Cambridge, N.Y. would not return until Tuesday next. Supped at J. Rogers', Mrs Richmond being present. J.R. was not at home, but before I finished my supper he came past the house with a load of ore for the Furnace - went out and walked a few rods in co. behind his sleigh - executed some private business with him - returned to the house - finished my meal and returned home across lots - H. Waters accompanying me from G's woods. It was musical times in the evening - much hearty laughing from Southworth and Wight - the former with Mr Riker having visited our school in the after part of the day. Sylvanus sometime in the evening returned from his ride to Hoo-sick with Adeline - Hired horse & cutter of Inn Keeper Hicks - visited Esq. Bakers and saw Mrs R. Parsons and her little Mary E. - Procured pay in full of Lem. Sherwood Jun'r - \$4. for H. Waters. When Wm ret'd to Hicks' with the h. & cutter

fr'd Southworth went home with him. Aaron Potter lost in a suit with S & H. Parsons the sum of \$25. Father was more than half sick. In Algiers saw Mr L. Sherwood with a load of wheat - had sold 100 bbls to Isaac Doolittle at \$1.25



SUNDAY, JAN 30

SUNDAY, JAN 30 Much more mild than it had been - hazy - thawed some - pretty pleas't. My Jor'l kept me busy until past noon - afterwards perused N.A.Review - Art's Joseph lld of Austria & "Tone of British Criticism". Friend Wight went to Mr Selden's as customary on the Sabbath - returned early P.M. Nobody went to meeting from this house - At the Baptist Meeting house - Mr H.Waters and Miss D Harwood's publishment was announced - This explains my business with J. Rog. Benj R. Sears paid his respects here this evening. Sylvanus visited his father's - saw our fr'd T.C.Parsons who not long since had left his cousins at Glens Falls. N.L.Robinson came down and paid us a short visit - wanted have man & team go to hauling timber on Tuesday next beyond Weeks' - we engaged so to do, but afterwards finding to disappointing. Geo. about being at the wedding - Nathan having required that our team should tarry at W's over night - planned to have Sylvanus and Geo. go on early on Mond. morning to execute said business. Orr W.Daniels likewise came down to see us. Late in the evening Mr Heman Hopkins - a grand-son of the late Leonard Robinson formerly of this town, came with his cousins Emily Sears & Emily Robinson - the gentleman was late from N.Jersey, where he said the snow was very deep.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 31 Fair - thawed moderately - a little cldy. Sylvanus & Geo. P. were employed with oxen in getting down spruce timber for N.L.Robinson beyond Weeks' - They accomplished wonders. I sawed wood fore p't of the day - P.M.marched up Street - had 2 saws filed by capt Waters - visited the office of U.M.Robinson - saw a copy of Shakespeare, pretty elegant - 2 Vo. in boards - price \$3. Came down to S. & S's executed some light business - saw Sam'l Lawrence there who disposed of 10 bbls rye for 3/9 pr bhl. Procured Journal of H - Experienced a terrible fit of Hypno this night - supposed it the commencement of "This Big Cold".

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 1 Snowed pretty fast most of the day. Business out doors, impended. Spent time chiefly in gathering up articles of Acc't for & against Tho's Kent. Sylvanus commenced going to school to our fr'd Wight. G.P. bro't children home early from school.

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The ladies of this house were diligently employed most of the day in cooking, cleaning house, cleaning old furniture &c &c. In the eve'g according to previous arrangement, the family having dressed and otherwise duly prepared themselves, Mr J.Rogers appeared about sunset with elder Teesdell whom he introduced to the heads of the family - They were invited into what we commonly term "The North Room". A short pause ensued when Mr Bridggroom, H.Waters, & Miss Bride, D. Harwood, were notified that the priest was ready to receive them and were conducted to the stand by B. Sears & Miss M.A.Waters who officiated as waiters on the occasion. Mr T. immediately taking a chair in his hand stepped into the center of the room, and supporting himself on his chair with his face to the north went on in very handsome style with the ceremony - pronouncing them at the conclusion "Husbznd & Wife" - closing with a short and very appropriate Address to the Throne of Grace. The cake and wine were pretty liberally distributed by fr'd S. & his associate of which Mr T. & friend R. partook. Staid a short time and then



departed. The comp'y afterwards tho' small indulged themselves in kissing & running round the chimney at no moderate rate. On the whole it turned out to be just such a wedding as we wished it to be. Those attending who were not exactly members of the family and whose names have not already been inserted - were J. Ambrose Wight, G.P. Harwood and S.W. Daniels. This morning news reached us of the death of Miss Polly, the wife of Col. O.C. Merrill - Died this morning about sunrise - was the only daughter of the late Judge Jona. Robinson and Polly his wife who was the daughter of capt. John Fassett Esq one of the first settlers of the town of Bennington. Mrs M. was born if I mistake not in 1778.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 2 Tolerably pleas't - snow damp - cldy in a measure - hazy. Finished sawing wood for the present - Father contin'd out of health. Geo P. Studied Agriculture. T. Kent drew 2 l'ds manure wood for himself withour team & sled - had Geo to help him load. G. bro't children from school at night. This eve'g gave us an acc't of his fare whan young which was slavish & hard.

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THURSDAY, FEB'Y 3 Fair morning - storm arose from S.E. late in the day - wind roared high. G.P. & team were in the service of H. Waters who from Green's woods drew up 4 loads wood. During the morning found out the situation of A/c's with T. Kent, from which it appeared he was indebted to us \$5.16. Orr W. Daniels called & got me to superscribe a letter to Asa Patch, Mexico, Oswego Co., N.Y. - Afterwards attended the funeral of Mrs Merrill - Sermon by Mr Hodges, Shaftsbury, from First Cor. 20th W. 15. He was thought to have performed very handsomely. Revolution in Poland began to make a noise. Heard that Msry Ann was sick at F. Blackmer's. Orr W. Daniels ret'd here in the evening quite unwell. Said he should strt not long hence for the W.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 4 Stormy and moderate in the morning - wind changed to N.W. - then it became tedious - insomuch that H Waters and his friend B. Sears, after drswing 2 loads wood to the house of the latter relinquished the business. G.P. with out team drew one of those l'ds. H. Waters this day bo't of S.H. Brown an Alarm wooden clock, Manufact'd by S. Hoadley, Plymouth, N.H. County, Con't - price \$21.00 Last Wed. evening Sylvanus waited upon M.A. Waters on board a sleigh drawn by oxen to F. Blackmer's where she was now sick - Damia and myself were conveyed up Street by Mr Brown - the former went to B's to take care of M.A. S.H. Drove, a part of the way, furiously - At Swift & Son bo't several light articles among which was Colton's Miniature Vt Register - price 0/9 - Walked to Deming's - wanted to make settlement of a/c's - but could not, because he was from home. Returned from town in Mr W. Green's sleigh driven by himself - his son Merritt was with him - very cold.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 5 Wind blew from W. & N.W. most furiously - astonishingly cold - Business in general was suspended. Dug snow out of the lane near & at the turn beyond the poplars, but it answered little purpose as it was soon filled up again by drifting in. G.P. accompanied me up Street - exchanged books at Gov Tichenor's. At Swift & Sons perused Cyclopoedia - Articles "Locke" & "London" - visited printing office - Saw A.J. Haswell & others. Ret'd to S&S's - bot 12 cts worth goods - came home and assisted in foddering cattle - and those cattle looked well too. On Wed'y P.M. the E. Hay mow was cut through the center from E. to W.



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H.Waters waited upon his lady home from Blackmer's - Maty Ann had considerably recovered.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 6 A very keen morning - clear, cold, windy day followed - became calm at night. No one troubled the meeting house from our establishment. Sylvanus arriv'd from his father's in Pownal - Orren remained out of health. Cous. N L. Robinson paid us a visit. All going on generally pretty well at his house. Gave up a Brandy Note Dated Oct. 31 1829. On Monday last Mr Seaton and family left the Doct Fay and removed to a house in Mr Hunt's neighborhood. See Jour. for Nov 1829. Their child was born in Aug. last. On Friday the 4th Maj Willard Bates sent his man and took away his 4 sheep. See Jan 11 and 19.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 7 Freezing morning followed by a fair day. Digging our road to the entrance to the lane and working up wood was my personal employm't about home. G.P. Harwood with oxen and mare drew wood from Gr's woods to B.R. Sears' for H.Waters - 3 loads - Mr Getty was likewise employed in the same business. W. & Sears assisted at loading. P.M. visited the store of Swift & Son - saw there lame Mr Rider - also Sol Russell who had lately commenced keeping boarding house for the Iron.Co. In the eve'g after return'g from town rec'd a line from our School Instructor - J.W. Wight - urgently beseeching me to dismiss him from the S. - the number of scholars being reduced to 16. Doct N. Swift sent me his cutter which I had engaged to ride in to Esq Bakon's - 4 miles west of Hoosick Falls, N.Y. S.W. Daniels this day bargained with Doct. N. Swift to give him \$96.00 for 8 months service - to begin first of Mar.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 8 Fair and very snug freezing weather - H.Waters and Diadamia started for Troy in Hicks' small elegant cutter - drawn by the Indian Pony - in fine harness & bells. Wrote a billet to Mr Wight - intimating a desire that he would continue in the S. until Sat. next - leaving it at his discretion when to quit. Made preparation for going my old lady to Hoosick - Previous to getting ready Geo. P. waited upon Father up to Swift's store to consult with the Doct respecting his illness - left him there and returned alone. We forthwith were off.

Found abundance of snow and good sleighing. Me a short distance this side 4 Corners J.Rogers with B.Squires' team, loaded with flour and other articles - price of the former \$6.75 - conversed a few moments - learned that Bennett Stone was going to return to his friends in Bramf'd, C't. - parted - each driving in his own direction - soon arrived at the Falls - saw Hen H. Parsons who said he had been ill lately - was now getting better. Gave us direction where to find the residence of Esq Baker. Advanced up the river to the first right hand road from Col. Dorr's - Up this road we slowly held our course to within a short distance of the school house on the ridge in the woods - Saw Orville Parsons and another boy with each a 2 quart tin pail filled with water - the former rode to the S.house - a building situated in a lonely pine thicket - A person seemingly in warm blood, whom we supposed to be the teacher, came to the door and met the water boys with much eagerness - drank off the water as though he was very thirsty. After passing this place and getting down the hill we took a wrong road on which we pro-



ceeded - say 100 rods - halted at a long low building near a little pond - where the woman of the house gave us the necessary information, this however was given in such terms as left us in doubt - retraced our steps - took a road leading W. - called at the first house thinking it might be the one sought for - were disapp'd - directed us to go forward to a narrow vale between 2 high hills through which the road passes N. and by driving 1/4 of a mile we should arrive at Esq Bakers'. The passage through the narrows we esteemed a curiosity - the growth of timber was light, or rather it was young, not very thin, interspersed with now & then a large pine fit for saw logs - a few such pines were seen on the hill S.W. of Esq B's, at whose residence we arrived, 3 P.M. - found Mrs P. in not very good health - Little Mary was well - Family in general healthy. Increase B. arrived from crossing the Gr. M't with his aunt Susan Baker - a widowed lady of upwards of 60. In the evening the company of an elder brother & his wife was rec'd. We retired with R. into the kitchen by the big Philadel. stove and prosecuted our visit. Perused a little book called "Conversations on common things" . We had good app. to eat. The boys were out late in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9 Continued sharp freezing weather - some cldy- wind W. An odd old maid - say sixty years of age

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was at present a member of this family - a communicant of the Baptist Church, as were likewise the Esq and his lady. The old gent told me he came from the SE part of the St. of Rhode Island - South Kingston - settled in this place 1790 - owned the soil - his home farm consisted of perhaps 200 acres good land - possessed another farm in the neighborhood. One of his sons likewise had lately possessed himself of a fine situation about 1 mile W. of Pittstown meeting house - a good farm, consisting of say 150 acres. Another son was curious in the art of surveying - Increase was a fine scholar - he likewise could survey lands - Looked in "Paradise Lost". Past 11 A.M. having rec'd very friendly treatment and seen a span of greys which young Zirah Baker estimated to be worth \$200 - started for home - came through the Narrows and over the ridge upon which stands their school house. At a small distance this side picked up a lady's green silk work bag - which we brought with us to the house on the corner at the junction of the roads, where on carrying it in, the women said they knew whose it was. It was "Lydia's". Made no halt at the Falls - nor at any other place - but arrived safely & coldly here 4 P.M. - sent home cutter - Enjoyed an agreeable visit with Mrs Laur. A. Hills of Arlington & her sister Mrs Lydia Safford who tarried until sometime in the evening. Bingham had not long since visited Mrs Ashley of Russell, N.Y. See old Jour'l for 1815 - Feb. & March - Bing Hill, L.Norton, S.Waters. On Tuesday P.M. Mrs Duncan paid our people a visit - st'd all night. Mary Ann Waters ret'd from Blackmer's. Same day Mr Wight dismissed his school.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 10 Clōdy, firm wint. weather. Not much doing in my business. Sylvanus attended to Arithmetick. Rode to Swift's store on an errand for the ladies, drawn by the old mare on the stone boat. Towards night he went on horseback to ascertain how many scholars could be raised for Mr W. provided he should once more commence teaching - made out 20 - G.P. studied Agriculture and fodd'd



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cattle. H.Waters and Diadamia arrived from Troy where they had been to purchase furniture - To Diadamia - had paid, on her birthday the 2d ins the sum of \$150 towards dowry. Heman Robinson 2d made a short visit. Much curiosity was excited by the exhibition of a part of the new goods

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FRIDAY, FEB'Y 11 Moderate - snow some slightly - first from S. and afterwards from the N. Benj R.Sears & Mary A.Waters started in a cutter for Stockbridge & Harrington, Ms. Mr Green borrowed planks & timbers for bridging Tan Brook, which he agreed to return when he had finished using it. Something was done at working up wood. Dan'l Church Jr arrived from Troy or came from the Street with the main part of the furniture &c bo't in Troy - on looking them over nothing of any consequence was damaged. P.M. with H.Waters, G.P.Harw'd & Sylvanus rode up S't on the stone boat drawn by the old mare. Saw Gold's Patent Corn Sheller in operation - bo't the right of building s'd machine for myself only for 75" - his price for large corn growers was \$1. - Doct Diah Swift had also purchased the right. Doct Noadiah made some fuss about making amends to H.Waters for his 2 inch augur - borrowed & spoiled by A.Sibley in the Doct's service. At H.Waters' had a new axe helved which had been newly ground up - Road up to U.M.Robinson's on boat - borrowed papers - saw an edition of Malte Brun - owned by John S. Robinson. Rec'd my patent at the store of Swift & S. previous to going up the hill - made the bargain and paid the cash there for it. Mr G. appeared to be an active, enterprising man. Sylvanus returned with me only besides himself on boat - met capt. H.Robinson, Green & others with l'ds of wood. At Geo Robinson's we were stopped and requested to witness an agreement about keeping cattle made between Geo. Rob. & S.H.Brown - looked at the cattle which were in rather low condition - one of R's cows appeared to be ailing which they drove to the house & gave a mess of potatoes. After s'd agreement was finished, read & signed by request rec'd it in my possession - to be deliv'd up on the first of April next - will say more of it on some more leisure day. Mrs Rosina Norton was present with her child. This evening or late P.M. two young Squires' boys & their sister Clara in 2 h. sleigh, arrived from Rutland, Vt., on their way to Lanesboro, Ms. Wight worked at wood here this P.M.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 12 Cloudy - so as to obscure the sun in such manner hereabouts as to prevent entirely a view of the eclipse which this day occurred as predicted by the Astronomers. It was not so dark at any time of the occultation as to prevent a person from reading any sort of print. Snug wint. weather - snow flew P.M. not very lively.

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Our friends from Rutland departed for Lansingburgh - Sent by them the staff of Levi Smedley Sen'r - See Mid. Dec'r - Worked up wood - looked over newspapers, 1806-7-8-9 - Searched old maps - noticed darkness of the eclipse - deemed the air no colder than usual in common winter weather. In the evening perused papers - father was quite ill. Orr Daniels came to pay us a visit over night - G.P. assisted in taking care of cattle - perused Agricultural pieces - S.W.D. stuck to his Arithmetick - besides chopping some wood. Friend Wight occupied himself with the pages of Scott in the L. of the Lake - also had turns of splitting up wood. H.Waters entertained us with his presence & conversation in the evening.



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SUNDAY, FEB'Y 13 Fair and cold - wind N. Saturday night & Sunday morning extremely cold. Attended to the usual calling. Had time to look in Blair concerning the origin of Language &c. In the eve'g endeavored to read a sort of Political Hist. of France since 1815, up to the late Revolution - Not very entertaining. Our fr'd Wight & O.W. Daniels wvre among our lively companions.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 14 Very fine and handsome, but cold, wind N. Some progress was made on wood-pile - cousin G. assisted some by chopping wood last drawn from the forest - I went up Street with sleigh to Chandler's to be fix'd. At Swift & Son's saw E. Carpenter who much approved of Mr Wight going into the S. house again - talked very favorably of him as a teacher. There was a middle aged man from Pownal who it seemed had lately commenced keeping public house - invited Carpenter to call on him. Related some indecent circumstances respecting a school teacher in the Dist. in which he lived - reduced from 50 to 6 scholars. Spent some little time at H. Waters' shop where many of our dairy utensils were left to be painted. Daniel Church Jr was likewise present - Wrote acc'ts for H.W. - Mr Wight resumed his pedagogical functions once more in our District. In the evening cousins Nathan, Henry, Emily and Amanda with Miss Lucy Sears and harriet the eldest of cousin Uel's family came on a visit - Amanda tarried all night

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 15 Some Hazy - the warmest day there had been during nearly six weeks. Continued doing something to the wood. N. Norton's team drew wood past here to Andrews.

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Capt Barnum Whipple made his appearance here between 10 & 11 A.M. - spent a part of the day with him - appeared to enjoy himself well - in person large & corpulent - weighing 260 lbs - Boasted of his fine house in Albany, handsome wife, handsome daughters, 4 in number, and handsome ingenious son, 17 yrs of age - living at Bern, Albany Co - learning to make surgical instruments. He was lively and cheerful in conversation, spoke loudly and with unbounded confidence - knew nothing of what we call bashfulness in any company - In the evening the time was passed agreeably - the capt. entertaining us with anecdotes on various subjects. Smoked his pipe profusely.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 16 A great thaw commenced - rained all the morning - Orr W. Daniels ret'd the sett of harness which he borrowed some weeks since - say Jan 10 - at which time he had the bay horse which he returned on Saturday evening the 12th if I am correct. In the sleigh waited upon capt. B. Whipple to Hicks' that he might take the stage for Albany - He parted with father, mother & all the family on very good terms - Preached up Unitarianism considerably but we let all that pass by way of compliment. At Swift & Son's a bill of goods was bo't for either side of the house amounting to something over \$5. My wife "Sally" was with me - the s'd Bill comprised table crockery and a small smooth cast-iron dinner pot. In the store saw Reub Wickwire, Hannah Day's Gillson, old Mills, Charles Barney and others - No business of much consequence was pursued after returning from the store. Benj. R. Sears with cous. M.A. Waters arrived safe from their visit to the South - found all as well as could be expected - Uncle Ephraim Taylor's cancer on his nose had of late made considerable advances - aunt S. complained much of a nervous affection in her face - cous. Anne was



likewise in rather poor health and low spirits - A great quantity of snow appeared to cover the country below- Continued raining nearly all day - Our friend Sears had great wading to get up Fownal Mountain.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 17 High wind from N.W., snow melted away gradually - however it was cold at night. A slight impression was made on the wood - Geo P. chopped & split some 4 ft in length - Father used the saw in a moderate degree. In the P.M. Doct. H. Swift in his lumber sleigh conveyed hither on a visit his lady, his sister Clarissa who in her youthful days taught school in this Dist. Lucy & Betsey Street.

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H. Waters joined the party in the evening. Between me and the Doct. such characters as Bonaparte, Suwarrow and Attila, were mentioned. Remarks made on incidents of the A. Revolution - played the flute &c &c Orr W. Daniels dropp'd in - didn't stay over night.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 18 Pretty fair but cold. Worked at wood - Geo P. split up that which measured 4 feet. Mr Kendrick came down and informed us that Sophia, 5th daughter Elisha Waters after many hours of severe suffering breathed her last this morning a little past 8 o'clock, aged ten years months and days. She had been sick about 3 weeks with canker-rash - was presumed to have nearly recovered from it, but was violently attacked Thursday P.M., and no remedy could be devised for her relief. Diadamia & Mary Ann rode with Mr Kendrick to visit & assist at the house of mourning. This P.M. we rec'd a very agreeable visit from our old friend Sam'l Stanton, who in 1794 was hired man to my father - place of residence - New Lisbon, N.Y. - 80 miles W. of Albany - his 3 daughters were all married - his son he considered a prominent youth of 13 - Near sun-set his brother Lodowick with sleigh and horses came after him - Our friend said he thought it probable he should visit this country again. Friend Wight paid our people a visit - with others of the family went a short time to Capt. Waters' - O.W. Daniels made a call - R. Moon had oxen & sled to go to Hiram Henry's - returned with two hund. hay.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 19 Cold morning - thawed 2/3rds of the day - grew cold in the evening. Visited Algiers, had some light work done at Henry Norton's - had 3 or 4 bbls corn gr'd at the mill - Asahel Herwood bo't of Reuben Clark of Hoosick near the Battle Gr'd, 18 bbls wint. wheat at 10/9 pr bbls - paid him the cash - I visited Allen & Safford's store but bo't nothing - By doing a trifling kindness to Mr Barber, the son-in-law of R. Booth - heard news from Petersburg - that Miss Susan Phillips was lately married to a Mr Randol - Came up Street - sold 6 1/4 lbs cheese at 8 cts to W. Wadsworth - paid -

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sold 16 lbs same kind to M.L. Selden - same price - to be paid by Mr Wight. Visited all the stores to find an article of necessity for a neighbor - being found at Dr S's bo't the same for 40 cents on book. Heard of the Death of Deacon Calvin Bingham after long sickness, aged 80 years - the bell was tolled while I was in the Street. In the course of an hour saw Sam'l Robinson, A.J. Haswell, Enos Rudd and others. S.W. Daniels chopped wood for H. Waters 1/2 a day. Tho's Kent had oxen & Geo P. to enable him to draw 2 loads of wood.



SUNDAY, FEB'Y 20 Very cold - high cutting wind from N.W. B.R. Sears and Mr Bates, formerly a journeyman to H. Waters, came to pay the latter a visit. P.M. visited the house of affliction where the funeral was attended. Mr Whiton preached from 119 Psalm, 75th verse. The discourse was a very appropriate one - calculated to soothe and calm the afflicted - the hymns & Psams selected were well chosen & properly suited to the occasion. The house was full to overflowing - all things were conducted in proper order - and we returned home in good season. Cousins N.L. Robinson & I.B. Dewey visited us. Sylvanus went to Methodist Meeting at the S. school house.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 21 Clear & very cold morning - pleas't most of the day thawed but little - sharp wind from N.W. Early part of said day visited Algiers - had horses shod by order of, or under the eye of H. Norton, for which he charged 75 cts - Bo't of Doolittle 1 bhl wheat which had ground without bolting - paid for the same 8/0. - had shoe mended by James Harwood - wrote a letter while there - to cous Mary Harwood of Petersburg - stating health of family, wedding - late deaths - and requesting her to forward us by mid. April or 1st May 12 yds cloth for cheese strainers - to be paid as would suit her. This PM attended the funeral of Mr Bingham - arrived too late to go in and hear the sermon. Waited at F. Blackmer's until the conclusion of the exercises - Saw Sam'l Robinson Sen'r, Jacob Brooks, Ira Haynes and others not recollected - must add David Armstrong, who said he was 49 years of age or in his 49th y'r. Mary Ann came home with us in the 2 h. wagg.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 22 Moderate, thawy, cloudy from S. - commenced raining PM. - snowed afterwards - then again changed to rain in the evening - pretty high wind from SE

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We this day estimated the quantity of hay on hand at 23 tons - 6 tons in the E. bay - 2 do on the E. scaffold & 15 in the W. bay - which at 2 tons pr week would last us 11 weeks & 4 days - carrying it to nearly the middle of May. Geo P. assisted in getting a waggon l'd of ice from uncle Sam'l Robinson's - were materially assisted by uncle S. & cous NL

WEDNESDAY, FEB 23 Stormy most of the day - or say it commenced raining past 11 - kept on moderately until 3 P.M. when it snowed powerfully - cold increased rapidly - wind harsh & high in the evening from N.W. - snow drifted much - but ceased falling from the clouds early in the evening. Our ice was disposed of by laying it in the smoke house. P.M. our ladies prepared to go on a visit at uncle Sam'l's - were disapp'd by storm. At the close of the day our Squires friends arrived from Petersburg Lanesborough in snow storm - had made a pleas't visit. Tho's C. Parsons gave us a call - Old subjects seemed to fill his mind - appeared melancholy & greatly dissatisfied with his lot. Fore more respecting Squires' boys - see (p) Feb. 11 & 12.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 24 Very rough & cruelly cold - wind N.W. Procured another l'd ice assisted by Geo., uncle Sam'l lent a helping hand. We cut out & hauled on shore enough for another load. Our ladies were conveyed to uncle Sam'l's on a visit. Lydia, Diademia & Mary Ann. H. Waters went to wait upon them home in the eve'g. Orr W. Daniels visited & in part made settlement with me. After giving up note for Parsons cow there remained ue me \$1.15 which was charged on book. He yet



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owed me \$9.44 for team work, plow & plow p'ts - plough \$7.50 He also owed us 5 bbls oats. We owed him 1 days work, man & team. See Dec. 24

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 25 Very cold morning - the day was remarkably fine and pleasabt but cold. We undertook to get another load of ice - halted at H.Waters' and had a sled shoe put on - Dr H.Swift being present spoke of a new Book lately published by Washington Irving - Life and voyages of the Companions of Columbus - said Irving's Life of Columbus was the best book he had ever read - saw a very fine cow which belonged to S.C.Raymond - said to be for sale. We went on to uncle Samuel's - made a halt at the

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A.J.Haswell was there - wanted to catch a trout for Mr Parker the sick man - uncle Sam went on that service while friend A.J. assisted in load ing ice. The former caught no fish. When I walked down from the St't our fr'd Safford Rob. accomp'd me. We talked of Old Hackley's school in the old wooden academy which stood on the ground now cov'd by the Cong. Meeting House burnt down in Dec'r 1802 or Jan. 1803. Our old friends Mosley & Sherman Fairchild were mentioned - the latter by acci dent had two of his front teeth driven partially in - it was done in a good natured boy squabble - they were however replaced & gave him no permanent injury. On the evening of the 24th allowed \$2.00 to Orren W. Dahiels which he said was due him from Ira B. Dewey, to whom lent \$3. on Sunday - making him my Dr \$5. On Thursday PM it should have been mentioned that Geo. & myself dined at the H.Waters shop - a company dish by Waters. Sears & Daniels composed of onions, potatoes, pork, bread &c. It was a luscious meal.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 20 A most elegant handsome day - mild - our ice was disposed of. Visit rec'd from uncle Sam'l & aunt Sarah. Sylvanus enjoyed himself riding on stone boat about town - Geo. was in town a part of the day. Both assisted about placing away ice in the aft.p't of the day. Twenty five bbls of corn was delivered us by Abner Griswold on contract with Doct. H.Swift at 56 cts. Fayette Dickinson was this day married to the widow of the late Otis Dimmick, Hoo-sick, N.Y. - the former aged 23 - the latter 37. I perused Mr Burgess' Speech on the Russian Mission - the 2d made on that subject - pretty sharp & well spiced I think. Commenced reading the Introduction to Mr Irving's new Book - his visit to Palos &c. On Friday procured papers at U.M.Robinson's office - found him busy preparing papers in cause between Willard Bates & his son-in-law Boltwood Wright. This evening rec'd a short visit before sunset from W.S.Southworth who took supper & slept with fr'd Wight who had just dismissed his school for good. Mr Eli Carpenter paid us a funny visit in the evening - joked much with H.Waters about going to Michigan - inviting the latter to enter that country as builder - pretending he was going to erect a great estab-lish't there.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 27 Very fine, warm & pleas't. All hands here as usual Mr Wight who finished his school for good on Satur-d'y entered as boarder. Writing Journal & reading papers occupied me as usual.



FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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Very fine indeed, thawed much - March 1. Made it my business to take the Census of S. District No. 2 during the A.M. Marched to E. Carpenter's direct - numb'd 5 over 4 & under 18 yrs of age - The men seemed to be getting out flax. Crossed over to Mr House's - saw Nelson Duncan who said Mr H. continued very ill - went in & sat a few moments - found him sitting in his chair - had just finished his breakfast - appeared low & feeble - very thin in flesh - his wife & Mrs Dewey related to me the history of his case which was by no means flattering - his appetite had failed a great deal - set down 3 - including Dan's daughter of color. Went on to the former residence of Mr House - now occupied by our friend Will'd Green - enquired if there were any children within the ages proper for enumerating? - they said no - so I pushed on to Greens' old Walbridge house - found a young lady of looks - fresh & gay - the mother of 3 children under 4 yrs old. Looked upon it - as there were no twins - to be rather a singular case. Visited Cummings' and Searls' who occupied the old Jewett Scott house - added to my list for the former 4 - the latter 2 - Mrs S. informed me her husband was calculating to remove with his family up to Sam Wadsworth's, back-side of Mount Anthony. She didn't mean to go if possible - had once tried it - she knew all about it - too bad - I joined with her and said I would do almost any way rather than go there &c. Next called at H. Hull's on Green's Capt Lawrence place - numbered 2 - at the Smith's - took down 4 of the children of Wm & 3 of those of Pomeroy - noticed William's John - 6 yrs old - much out of shape - by having the ricketts. Counted one for Evans - walked direct for major I Luman's shop and there staid a good while talking principally of politics - but some few words passed between me & Mr Norton respecting our school - informed him of my firm determination not to stand longer than some day in April when a School meeting would be called - The major held me sometime in social chat concerning Randolph's Speeches in 1826 - his mission to Russia - Correspondence of Jackson & Calhoun &c &c. Dined at home and afterwards went to mill - waited for a part of my grist - finished writing a letter to Henry H. Parsons, Hoosick, N.Y. - among other things inviting him to come and take away furniture lodged in the house opposite - as we should be employed in repairing ere long.

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The mill did not go right well - Doolittle was present an hour or two. Luther Park and another man disputed about lands somewhere on the Mountains. A child 2 years old belonging to Mr Grover of the oil mill was drowned - particulars I cannot state. Our friend R. Moon had a very sick child - named La Fayette - made an unsuccessful journey to Mr Bracy's to get his wife's mother to come & assist in taking care of s'd child. G.P. Harwood began his year's service with us at \$110 - Sylvanus 8 more for Doct. N. Swift at \$12. pr mo. Orrin W. Daniels began working for N. Norton this day also. J. Harwood took seat to make up our s hoes. Mr W. chopped wood at H. Waters'. These workers, it must be recollected, all commenced business on the last day of Feb - Mr J. Harwood inclusive - My blunders were occasioned by imperfect entry in my scratch paper.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 28

Let us now bring up the rear. Pleas't to a grand degree - everybody was glad to see it. I find my acc't of going to mill should have been under this date. Solomons came there and proposed swapping cows - I put him off and would have nothing



to do with it. Transacted some business at Doct N. Swift's. Friend Ed. rode home from the store with me. In the evening wrote a letter for I. B. Dewey to his father in which a copy of the a/c made out against Sam'l Saunders in Oct. last, was requested in his reply - many particulars were inserted - too numerous to mention.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2d Another very fine day - warm, thawed, much - snow me melted away rapidly. Visited grist mill - called at Newell Squires' to get leather which had been finished & carried up to Dr N. Swift's - John Hicks collector of Priest Clark's tax was there - exhibited his bill against me for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  months preaching - \$2.25 - which I promptly paid - afterwards at Dr S's store took a receipt therefor. Waited for Squires' journeyman to finish off some harness leather for Hicks - he then accomp'd me to S's store. Here I bo't for B. Harwood 1 lb Hyson tea at 7/0 lawful - leather & tea charged - \$4.17 - had of the former a very good side, price \$3. Bo't of F. Blackmer & Co 2 gall good molasses at 42" - on cr. - Noon when I got home. This morning finished a letter intended for Albert Rudd, Stillwater, N.Y. containing propositions respecting the selection of cows - wanted 4 - must be from 5 to 8 years old - preferred that they should be under 8 unless well recommended - expected a reply the first week in April which must specify prices - if I liked, would go forw'd & buy. Promised to make him good for all trouble on my a/c.

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On Tuesday a letter to W.E. Brayton, N. Adams, was deposited at the P.O. - when I notice his reply - that also shall be spoken of.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 More or less rainy until past noon - remained cldy to the end of the day. Sawing wood constituted our main business. Wednesday P.M. secured ice deposited in the orch'd. Tuesday P.M. wrote letters to Brayton & Rudd in Darius Clark's Reading-room - Jona Draper Esq was there & in part settled with C. and I do not know but that it was final. Same P.M. Mrs Sears and her eldest daughter Mrs M.A. Norton paid our ladies a visit. Eve'g of 3d March read a part of Mr Clay's speech on the Seminole War - deliv'd in Feb'y 1816 - Takes the gloss off the Hero.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4 Continued mild, pleas't & thawy - cloudy, wind S. B. Harw'd & Son walked round the S. end of the farm - closed up gaps in N. Norton's fence - worked up wood P.M. and repaired Brown's crotch fence on East line against the Fay mead'w in order to prevent cattle & old mare getting on our side.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 Cloudy - extremely muddy - snow going off fast. Working up wood was continued. Received the remainder of our corn of A. Griswold who had my receipt for 25 bushels. Emerson Gleason paid us a short visit tow'd evening - Mr John Harwood closed his job of shoemaking here. Mr Moon's little boy continued very ill.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 It was in a degree stormy - snowed & then rained, if I mistake not from the E. Friend Wight visited Mr S's. S.W. Daniels paid his regards to us. H. Waters kept Sabbath with us - also B.R. Sears gave us a call near the end of the day. Mud plenty & deep. I gave a pretty thorough attention to the speech Spect. of Feb



11, in which there was a great deal of foreign news. Mr W. ret'd from town full of Byron's Don Juan.

MONDAY, MAR. 7 Wind N., some stormy in the m'g - continued thawing and cloudy to the end of the day. Visited Mr Moon' this morning - they considered their sick child less dangerous than heretofore. Our business consisted in conveying wood under shed & piling it - father & Hopkins worked together at the same. Sylvanus W. Daniels visited us 3 times during the day & evening - former part of it rode to Pownal - latter rec'd of me towards Freedom Bounty fifty dollar which he let to cous. N.L. Robinson for one year - N. was present.

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I saw him receive it and likewise saw the note given for that sum - endorsed by W. Haswell Esq. N. staid over night. I B. Dewey dropped in & lodged with us. Made inquiry for a place at which to work six months. Cous. Nathan told him to try Joel H. Thomas, who was a good man and wanted a good hand. H. Waters invented some fun for them here this evening. This day came into the Fay house to reside, Mr Allen with wife and child N.L. Robinson paid me tow'd pork, \$2.00

TUESDAY, MAR. 8 Very fine - frozen & cold morn'g. Finished piling between 9 & 10 cords wood back side wood shed. Visited town P.M. - went to the Post O. - saw & spoke with W.S. Southworth - tried to borrow a paper at U.M. Robinson's - succeeded in getting one of Feb. 25 full of foreign articles, as well as Correspondence of Mr Calhoun &c. Paid in full to Swift & Son for 50 bbls corn pr A. Griswold, \$28.00. On the hill bo't pint must'd seed & paid for the same 21 cts to L. Patchin & Co. Bo't on acc't 1 qr paper of D. Clark, 25 c

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 S. wind, chilly, snowed some in the morn. thawed & grew muddy P.M. Went to mill accomp'd by Hopkins who visited at J. Rog's - saw Mr Voluntine respecting the dressing of cloth which he said he should execute himself. Had just finished settlement of a/c's with S. Hathaway Jun. The E. hay mow lasted with the addition of some coarse fodder to the end of this day. The foregoing does not seem to have any connection with my visit to Algiers - No matter for that - it is no less true. Spent much time at Swift & S's - then taking tubs & pails lately painted at H. Waters' came home.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 Very fine - thin snow on gr'd, w'd N. Commenced demolishing chimney at the dairy house. Tho's Kent had horse & waggon to wait upon Miss Cath. Hubbell & Miss R. Ann Scott to his mothers and home again at night. Mrs Patty Crawf'd and gr'd daughter paid us a visit - wrote by her to the wife of J. Harwood that she could have some butter & cheese. This day friend Wright finished cutting wood at H. Waters' - 6½ days - \$4.88 - to charge to H.W. Cous. H. Robinson went home this morning to the Academy.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 S. wind blew up uncomfortably - very chilly - continued tearing down chimney. Mr W. began going to school. Bluebirds had been observed early in the month - Robins were seen this m'g



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Several other spring birds were seen about this time. Many interesting articles were in the papers of the day.

SATURDAY, MAR. 12 Cloudy, stormed slightly P.M. The demolition of the chimney was completed down to the gr'd floor - bricks piled - partitions & doors taken down & rubbish carted away. Towards evening business called me up street - sold 19 lbs cheese to Doct. J.Chandler at 8" pr lb - rec'd pay & 10 cts over by mistake which was sent back by H.Waters next day. Saw Doct. C. at Hicks' where there were many with whom I was acquainted & among others would mention our friend T.C.Parsons who when opportunity presented requested sight of one of my old volumes of records twenty years back - neither denied nor gave consent - merely requested to be informed why he wished to see those records? - He would not say - mentioned that if he told me I would not suffer him to see them. Conveyed to S.W.Daniels his chest and wearing apparel - himself and Horace Dimmick were sawing and his father chopping wood for doct. N.Swift. Visited the office of U.M.Robinson and procured Spect. of Mar 1 - containing more of the Correspondence - much of foreign matter. Called at the store of S.& Son again - saw Nat Danforth - took 21st Vol of Cyclopoedia - started for home - H.Dimmick & H.Waters passengers - the former got out at the house of Ed H. and Mr Stockwell - the father of these children the eldest of which would not be 3 years old until next June, mentioned first of March, got in and rode as far on the road as we travelled. Doct Chandler overtook us this side the old doct. S. house an hour on horseback - came very deliberately along full of sociability until he reached about half way from Andrews' to Browns' - when he started off upon a full trot - did not ride more than 10 or 15 rods when his horse fell broadside in the mud throwing him over his head with great force, nearly beating the breath out of his body - ramming him into the mud in a most unpleasant manner - We presumed both rider and horse must have sustained no small injury - but as we came up - were happy to find our apprehensions unrealized - H.Waters assisted in rubbing off mud &c - the doctor remounted & was away. Arrival here ended the events of the day - Mr Southworth came to pay us a friendly visit - Mr Wight had attended school. Mr John Harwood rec'd this morn'g 17½ lbs cheese & 4½ lbs butter on a/c. Dr C's horse fell by reason of breaking through the frost.

SUNDAY, MAR. 13 Pleasant morning - rained moderately in the after-part of the day - became cold at night - wind N. or N.W.

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Was much taken up in reading interesting foreign news. Looked at some articles in the Cyclopoedia - made entries in journal - visited the house of Mr Moon along with Mrs Harw'd - the sick getting better slowly Fayette remained yet very low. S.W.Dan's here most of the day. Orr W. spent the after p't with us until in the evening. Friend Southw'h had a real sick time of it - from 3 till 6 in the morning - recovered nearly his usual tone and took his departure tow'd evening. Mr Wight was absent from 9 or 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. - Mr Nath'l Parker, a resident or citizen of Granville, N.Y. a boarder at Doct. Bigelow's, his lady being with him to nurse & take the necessary care of him - died this morning of a consumption, being in his 47th year. Mr House was said to be very sick.



MONDAY, MARCH 14 Frozen, unpleas't & cold in the morning - thawed up and faired away during the remainder of the day - Getting more wood & working up the same made up the chief business of the day. Father paid a friendly visit to Mr House - Had not much hope of his recovery. Capt Sam'l Blackmer died this day at the house of his son-in-law Newell Squires aged 62. Tho's C. Parsons paid us a visit this R.M. - Marched away for Pow'l without making long tarry. Commenced foddering off the W. hay mow - judged to contain 15 tons - measuring the length of the bay - 16 feet high and 15 wide. No of cows, including Diadamia's, 26, 1 Y8k oxen & sp'n horses.

TUESDAY, MAR. 15 Pleasant in the main - ground frozen in the morning very rough wheeling indeed. Cutting & sawing off a app. limbs was the main business. Father visited Rhode Island Hill, Pow'l - saw Mr Daniels & family - likewise Mr Buck & family - dined at Mrs Duncan's. In this excursion saw a cow which Orr Daniels calculated on selling to me - thought she'd do to buy. In the A.M. visited the St' in 1 h. wagg. Mr Wight in comp'y, most dreadful waggoning - sold Mr Selden the half of a fine cheese - 22½ lbs at 8", on a/c - heard much inquiry respecting butter - tried to peddle off the other half of my cheese for money, but failing in that - let S. Chandler have it - 22½ lbs - 8" pr lb - p'd 11" on Note which I took up - charged the remainder on book

WEDNESDAY, MAR, 16 Cloudy - aft part of the day wind started up from N.W. or W. Sawing off app. limbs and setting gate post employed father & G.P. I attended the funeral of Capt Blackmer at which numbers were present. Elder Tinkham delivered a very good

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discourse well adapted to the occasion - Text Romans. Elder T. made a most pompous, bombastical, would-be oratorical prayer. I know not the feeling of others, but I esteemed the performance a most ridiculous one. Came home by town & bo't on cr. of S. & S. - 4 lbs sugar - 44¢ - Saw Sylvanus D. & H. Dim'k working hard at splitting Doct. N. Swift's wood. After getting home united in the pursuit of the concerns of the day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 Fine morning - but the af. p't of the day cold & some stormy - Visited saw-mill - had 7 logs & 1 sled crook butted & got into or on to the Log way - Saw Sage & his sawyer Morgan - likewise Charles Colvin - Understood S. that he would charge no higher than he did last season for sawing. Came up through the Street - saw again Daniels & Dim'k, visited the shop of H. Waters - saw the painter lettering a sign - say Mr Fairfield. Wrote some for Waters. Borrowed spectacles of Mr Chandler - procured 1'd of shavings of H. and came home - placed the same over the ice.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 Pretty pleas't, some hazy, cold & freez'g - wind blew up fresh from SE near night. Started in the morning at trimming off limbs - that business was relinquished and that of sigging stone near the ridge of rocks W. of the house chosen in its stead - some large rocks were tumbled off the ridge. Mrs Waters with the youngest child paid us a visit - Mary Ann went there, I mean to capt. Waters' to work at tailoring &c.



SATURDAY, MAR. 19 A pretty considerable snow storm visited this country - there were several intervals of calm during the day - wd E. The old hedge skirting the Ridge of Rocks was attacked and 4 rods thereof cleared off & drawn home. When the storm was too tedious of being out to admit of being out, perused Calhoun Correspondence - Mr Crawford's letter was harsh & inconsistent. I mean his answer to the Essay of 11 pages. Sixteen years this day since H. Harwood was wedded to S. Stone - by J.E. Robinson, Esq. The W. hay mow was this day cut through the centre from W. to E.

SUNDAY, MAR. 20 Very cold & freezing like winter - All hands absent from church. Mr Wight rec'd the company of Messrs Harmon & Huntington with whom he rode away.

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Orrin Daniels returned with the oxen from his father's, which service paid for the work of his son & team on the 24th Dec. last.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 Fine day - cold in the morning. Overhauled & piled in one large pile the spruce polls bro't in the winter of 1830 from the Gr Mountain. Terminated the business of the day sawing & chopping off app. limbs. Late P.M. heard of the death & burial of our neighbor, Mr Willard Green, who was 69 years of age if I mistake not, on the 16th inst. The immediate cause of his dissolution was said to be a frozen toe which mortified. Was sick only a few days - never was known to be sick but a few times in his life. This gentleman was singular & rough in his manners, must however give him the credit of generally wishing to deal honorably and fairly where he entertained no suspicion of unfairness - was opposed to the clergy and the missionary cause. Tow'ds evening visited R. Isl'd Hill, saw the cow which Or W. Daniels had talked of selling me - concluded not to pay until time should decide when the creature would have a calf. She was under unfavorable circumstances. Visited Mr Daniels & family - likewise Mrs Duncan & family. Old Mr Potter was at the latter house - Informed him who I was & gave my opinion of the prayer mentioned on opposite page - in which he was unwilling to join me. Came home by about sun-set.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22d Fine spring day - mild, muddy & warm. Pruning orchd & tapping maple trees made up the forenoon employment. They continued the former psrt of the business during P.M. - I rode up street with my lady & daughter - traded to the am't of about \$6 at Swift & Son's - bo't cloth for new frock for Adeline & other new things to accommodate her in attending school at the Academy next Term. Appointed this evening for settlem't with Mr S. Daniels - gave notice to his brother to attend - he came accordingly - but the former sent word he could not come on account of visiting exhibition of flying horses at Brannack's. Mr Wight worked for H. Waters on Monday & half a day this 22nd.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23d Pleas't morning, grew cool afterwards - I mistake - it was a very fine day - warm indeed. Chief business getting home lumber from the mill - fine lot of basswood upwards of 2000 ft. Sage & his sawyer Morgan, an excellent hand, were very busy. S. made me out very correct bill - offered if I would pay down to deduct 25 cts on thous'd for sawing - allow me 4/0 for sled runners



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making my bill \$5. I took time to consider. Paid a pleas't visit to Mrs Rogers who entertained me well in giving a history of persons who shall be nameless here. At the Factory of Mr Voluntine procured roll of cloth -  $13\frac{3}{4}$  yds - promised to pay forepart of April - Got home late in the day - helped place away lumber - Bassw'd 2058 ft - Butternut, 205 ft - total ft 2263 - which at \$2.50 pr M. would am't to \$5.68 - add 2/0 for sawing runners and the whole came to \$5.98 Boiling sap was carried on by father who also was very instrumental in sticking up boards.

THURSDAY, MAR. 24 Cloudy, rained moderately some part of the day -

Sent to S.W.Daniels towards bounty \$17.62 - paid pr Wight. Sent \$5. in full to H.Sage to pay for sawing, the took runners. Lent Wight \$15.00 - had given two small notes on his a/c - to J.B.Chandler & to L.Patchin & Co. David Randall commenced fixing clock - had asthma cruelly at night. Perhaps those notes were not dated this day. Visited Street along with Diadamia. Mr Moon's little boy, LaFayette, died this day - aged nearly 6 yrs - business respecting the coffin & digging the grave was attended to. D.procured a quantity of crockery bo't for her by her husband at F. B. & Co's.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 Cloudy - warm - rained awhile during the P.M. Saw frogs in a pond near the Village of Algiers - they were cackling. Went to Algiers to engage Mr Teesdill to preach or exhort at the funeral of M's little boy - Visited the store of J. & J.B. Norton - saw Mr Peck & others - executed my trust respecting the minister of the Gospel at J.B.Norton's his place of abode - promised to officiate - Came up with friend Southworth into the Street - Went up to the Pr. Office & to the office of U.M.Robinson - borrowed Spect. Mar. 11, 15 & 18 - returned home - was hotly solicited by David Rockwood to buy a cow which he wanted to sell - but after stating my reasons for not buying over & over again he left me. David R. having set our old clock in motion and executed some small jobs in tinkering left us for Pown'l promising to call again to get his pay if the clock should run well. Towards evening rode up and waited for H.Waters to finish the coffin for the little boy - friend Wight was present & gave some assistance - B.R.Sears, R.Towsley, Ed Robinson & Mr A.J.Haswell were there - Coffin deliv'd safely in the evening at the house of deceased.

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On the 24th rec'd a line from S.Parsons Esq informing me that Henry Parsons was calculating to go to housejeeping with his mother on the 1st of April, when they would send for their furniture in our keeping, which until that time we were requested to hold in safety. Mentioned being all well. I this day wrote a reply, signifying our approbation of Henry's scheme - promised to take good care of the property until called for - But if it were no better travelling first of April than at this time, should not attempt, as requested, by them, to convey a load for them even no farther than the Falls. Sent compliments to all without distinction or favor. On Tuesday rec'd from W.E.Brayton an answer to my letter of Mar 1. The main question in the latter was to know whether it were more profitable to feed cows than swine with whey? The good man was at pains to make suitable inquiry - the result of which was that cows fed on rye meal and whey would yield from 500 to 630 lbs a head in lots of 20 or 21 head - the greater quantity however was unusu



al. A Mr Cole of N. Adams had practiced it a nujber of years & meant to continue it. His plan was to feed in tubs or pails - Some cows could not be made to eat it at all. In flush time of grass the feeding is nearly suspended in thw whole herd. Usual quantity of meal given to a cow from a pint to 2 qyarts. Evening of the 24th there was made 12 lbs sugar - here - Mr Wight, Mr Rand'l & the rest partook of the same. On the 23rd inst went with a demand signed by James Grover in favor of Ori W.Daniels - presented the same to Aaron W.Grover Sen and asked him if h he would pay it - he said he would - requested the price of his plows - replied \$8. I informed him that his son had engaged one to Daniels for \$7.50, which he seemed tather to fall in with - Due on said obligation \$8.99" - reminded him of the failure of a plow point which he agreed to make up to me one day in Dec - say 6th - talked with him on the subject Jan 18th.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 Moderate & cloudy - worst travelling that could well be imagined - mud dreadfully deep & stiff. The funeral of Mr Moon's child was attended to. The hour appointed was 10 A.M. but by some mistake in me when I deliv'd my message to Mr Teesdill or misapprehension on his part, he did not arrive until a good while past the hour - hoever after he did come he performed his part admirably well - Mr Haswell made

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the closing prayer - the funeral was attended by a respectable number of the people of this part of the town. The corpse was conveyed by Mr Haswell in the hearse - the mourners rode in our two horse wagg - the friends of the mourners followed. After the remains were let down into the grave - Mr T. returned the thanks of the mourners to their friends & neighbors for their kind assistance &c. Then immediately ret'd to th wagg. in which they rode home. Mr M's youngest child was so unwell or so sick as to be tho't not able to survive long - his little Luther was in a real bad condition - the house was a most distressed one - Mr Jame Hicks Jr lost a child by canker rash on Thursday P.M.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Mrs Jones, consort of Z.J. died this P.M. This evening made a regular settlement with Sylvanus W.Daniels - gave him up note for colts \$50.93, demands against Or W.Daniels \$36.33 - cash pd pr Wight on Thursday - 17.62 - Cash paid 7th Mar \$50. int't 12 cts - total \$155.00 which made up for the \$130. and the fine suit of clothes. I drew a note for him against his brother Orrin amounting to \$59.85 The death of Mrs Jones was said not to be correct.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27 Rained in the morning - stormed not a great deal during the day - held on terribly muddy. Much writing executed for H.Waters & self. Sylvanus here some part of the day. Our good friend Wight, who had previously arranged his affairs for that purpose, took his departure with C.Huntington on an ingrafting expedition - at \$12. pr month - would be gone 5 or 6 w'ks. Read Morgan Trials at Lockport - Feb 24-25 - Most glaring and astonishing facts were bro't out at this time - damning to Masonry. Mr Moon's young child was said to be more unwell. Rec'd a visit from T.C.Parsons Esq. We felt anxious for the welfare of Mr Wight who during his residence here had, by his good behavior, easy & unassuming manners, won the affection & esteem of all his acquaintance. He left with me a poetic effusion which shall appear in this vol. on some future day - "Long Life to him" -



1831 MONDAY, MAR 28 Birds sing - cldy - Spring weather. Commenced tearing off old shingles and laying on new ones on the roof of our Dairy house. B.R.Sears & R.Towsley joiners. Visited Robinson's to see about a table which Mrs P. desired me

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to look after. They stated that they had such property & paid Mr P. for it - so that it now belonged to them. In the evening all hands attended a religious meeting at the house of Mr G.Robinson - Mr Weaver preached from the words of Isaiah 55, 15th verse & so on. The discourse was a fair display of the beauties of the Christian Faith. The prayers and exhortations and singing were earnest & pathetic. B.Ayres leading singer.

TUESDAY, MAR. 29 Raw cold S.E.wind - rained moderately toward eve'g. Had business up Street. Bo't of L.Patchin & Co 7 lbs 3d nails for 63" p'd - sent Hopkins home alone with same in 1 h.wag Marched N. in order to visit Montague - seeing capt Stephen Robinson and sons gathering cherry brush on his pasture this side M's - spent ~~so~~ some time talking with him - said it was on the first of April 1811 that he removed from the capt. Dewey Tavern house to his present dwelling - his eldest son Albert, who was born in 1806, died in the early part of 1813. Being informed that M. was gone to his lime-kiln, marched across lots to it - found boys engaged in drawing the kiln - lime appeared to be good - turned round immediately - came down to the house of M. where a visit of 2 or 3 hours was very pleasantly enjoyed - Smith was there. They were boiling the last of their sugar, of which the present season had made 400 lbs. Erastus & wife very sociable - dined with them - the former spoke of paying me money due for pigs sold in Aug. last - due in Oct - signified a willingness to receive it. He likewise engaged to work for us either on Thursday or Saturday next. In the course of conversation the extraordinary sickness of Daniel Montague among entire strangers some two or three hundred miles this side N.Orleans was mentioned. During his confinement, which brought him to the very verge of the grave, he was most kindly and attentively nursed by a widow to whom he was afterwards married. She had 5 children by her former husband - had two since her marriage to Daniel. Came pretty directly home. Our joiners had got out timber for silling stoop - there was strong talk of tearing down said building - but it was afterwards given over.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30 There was a real rain storm which towards the close of it became very tedious beating heavily from N.W. mud astonishingly deep - snow disappearing rapidly - Season advanced as well as could be expected

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Mar. 30 - Bro't over. Attended town meeting. All the principal officers were appointed previous to our getting in. Old sett I believe mostly continued. The Report of the settling committee occupied much time and occasioned a pretty warm discussion after which taxes were raised amounting to cents on the doll. besides a conditional vote of 1/2 cent for making a piece of McAdam road below the Meeting-house hill provided a sum of equal amount should be raised by subscription - to be expended under the superintendence of Isaac Doolittle Esq. Next bone



of contention was the division of the proceeds of the school fund which had increased since 1822 from 1400 to \$3400. At first many from a mistaken notion of its going to relieve the poor, were fiercely in favor of it, but when they saw that it would only lighten the taxes of the rich, such as gen'l Robinson, Esq Henry, Austin Harmon &c. without in the least helping the poor, they were as vehement in opposition. I was with those who were for letting the fund entirely alone so long as it was accumulating - let it remain for the benefit of after generations - The house had become thin - the question was tried for dismissing the Article and lost - some time was spent in talking - at last it was proposed to reconsider the vote & carried - then the Moderator tried twice by hand vote for dismissal - the last time it was a vote, but being strongly disputed - at length it was decided affirmatively by going round - then came with my father home. Cous. G. drew a load of sand from uncle Sam's - took special care of cattle &c. Joiners laid floors, fixed on casings, lathed a part of the room &c. Bo't of F.B. & Co 1 lb tea 75" & 3 tea-spoons on cr. \$1.8"

THURSDAY, MAR. 31 Really handsome fine and pleasant. Repairs of house continued. Father & cous. George worked at wall. Visited town in the morning - wanted to see Wm Haswell - but he being absent at the funeral of Mrs Jones - could wait his return - Spent some moments at the office of D. Robinson Jun - saw and spoke with a son of Jona Brown of Pow'l who had been a member of Mr Parker's school - expressed great unwillingness to leave it. mentioned difficulties between his father and uncle David who was twin mate to him - being about 45 years of age - had been for several years at variance concerning property which fell to them jointly by will - This young man anxiously desired that they might settle and live in peace - Old

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Major Potter was present - complained of bad health. Left office with capt. D. & came to the P. Office - rec'd Jour'l Health - clerk shewed me an arrearage of 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  cents entered against my name by Merrill - I could not recollect how it came about - thought possibly I might have been so careless as thus to leave such an item unpaid, but was hard to believe it - paid it with a proviso that if it appeared by my books that I had already settled it - the same should be handed back. In the course of the day it occurred to me after examining letters rec'd & my entries of postage paid which agreed harmoniously - that the thing should be fathered by my namesake at the N. part of the town. So being on business in the Street - called & rec'd my money again. So much for a small thing - Came down to S. Chandler's - looked at cows which he offered for sale - had two - either of which he would sell but must have the full of \$25. I made no bid, thinking I could do better. They said everything was rising in price - cheese 10¢ pr lb - oxen selling at \$75 - therefore cows must be high in price - an old rule that 3 cows ought to buy a yoke of oxen - said no more on that subject but returned home. In the evening accomp'd B.R. Sears up Street - visited P. Off. as stated above - called at the store of Swift & Son who would not furnish what I wanted - so visited F.B. & Co's & bo't 7 lb 8d & 10d nails for 49 cents and butts & screws 29" to 78" - booked - Bad walking, but growing better



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FRIDAY, APRIL 1st Chilly, cldy & unpleas't - some rain & thund. Thursday eve'g seemed to be the fore runner of this - Pretty cold at night. On the night of the 31st there was very high wind which damaged fences. State Fast. Father & Lydia went to the Sanctuary where the leading members of the church seemed to be zealously engaged in the good cause. Joiners continued with us - Sears in repairing sill & threshold in front of house - Towsley making clothespress for Mrs S. Harwood - they before night commenced building horses for cheese-shelves - Geo S. patched stoop roof - assisted in shoving bull plane - and clubbing dung. Ira B. Dewey came here this eve'g - said he had made settle't with Sol Safford Esq who owed him about \$38 of which had rec'd 10 - paid the same or put the same in my hands - half being due me as may be seen by looking at Feb. 25. Sylvanus with our boys besides Mrs Harwood & daughter attended a meeting of Methodists & others at our school house this morning evening - Did not speak very favorably of their proceedings.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2d Spring continued advancing - hazt & mild. Large flocks of pigeons were seen. A quantity of sap was gath'd

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BENNINGTON, APRIL 3rd 1831

Timber was procured out of which 2 eave troughs were made by Towsley who accomp'd us into the woods to look out the timber - poplar - One of the trees was cut down near the N.W. corner of wood lot - B.R. Sears left last evening. I.B.D. contin'd with us - bro't his chest from Lieut Safford's - accomp'd me up street towards evening - Town Authority were to gether at Hicks'. Returns from Districts not all in, therefore could draw no public money for school - Left Wight's Form Book with fr'd Southworth whom I engaged to make up the Bill as soon as the am't of public money should be ascertained. Bo't of N. Swift & Son 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  yds wool'n cloth charged \$1.47 - bo't 2 oz S. oil 6" - all on cr. James Norton informed me he had a good cow which he would sell me. Returned home in good season with I.B.D. On Friday was called on by S.H. Brown to view those cattle mentioned on the 11th of February - pronounced them to be in as good, if not, better condition than on that day. On the 30th ult. the death of Mrs Bingham - wid. of the deacon, was announced - Her dissolution, which had long been looked for as an event that must shortly take place, was occasioned by consumption, in the 75th year of her age. The funeral of Mrs B. was attended on Friday at her residence - Sermon by Mr Whitton.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3d Soft mild weather contin'd - mud drying up rapidly. Engaged a good deal in writing - but got time to read a little - Towards evening walked with father to Mr House's - found him, Mr H., remarkably weak & low - no hope at all of his recovery - reduced to a mere skeleton. Our friend E. Fay Jun & wife both present. Came home by Mr Loomis' - saw Samuel foddering at his barn - Made a short call at the big house - old gentleman getting better - saw Mr Dewey & wife - the child had sore neck - this babe being very diminutive for one so old - father desired me to go and view it particularly that I might in that see what I was at the same age - but declined - never felt much anxiety to see infants - Dark when we got home - would just mention some few particulars more respecting our visit to Mr House



Lydia House sat on the bed behind her father in order to support him in an easy position - Saw Gideon & his cousin L. Dewey Jr Mrs Billing walked the house as spry as a girl. Adeline arrived from a visit at J. Rogers' - Algiers. Oren & S. Daniels visited us this day.

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Died this evening of canker rash Miss Fanny Angel in the 16th year - she was interesting & amiable - daughter of Joseph, the son of the late capt Angel of Pownal. She resided at S.H. Blackmer's.

MONDAY, APRIL 4 Dull, chill & cloudy - rained P.M. moderately from S.E. Rained powerfully in the night. Montague & 2 hands built chimney & executed a job at plastering for which he charged as near as I could ascertain \$2.50 - himself but  $\frac{1}{2}$  day - rode off P.M. charged for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  bbls lime \$1. - tot \$3.50 M paid me towards debt for pigs \$3.00 I.B. Dewey waited on mason & mixed mortar - Geo carried brick & mortar for building chimney. H. Waters made coffin for Angel girl.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5 Came off tolerably pleas't after so great a quantity of rain - which contin'd falling until sometime in the morning - wind driving from W. or N.W. - ended in snow on the mountains. Clearing the house, placing away doors & other valuables and carting away house-banking, made up the chief employm't - I.B.D. assisted some - Mrs Whitney and lady entered Mrs Kent's house as tenants this day

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 Tolerably pleas't - grass starts - brooks high. Poplar timber was procured out of which 22 troughs were hewn or dug by cous. Geo P. Herw'd & I.B. Dewey. Door yard fence fixed by father & me - Hay reduced to the last junk - 8 feet wide 19 long - perhaps 12 high - See Mar 14 and 19.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 Moderate - rather chill wind - some cloudy. Had plow fixed by Ogden - I.B. Dewey & Hopkins rode up with me - the former hired himself to James Martin on the Harmon place - keeping a Dairy of 35 cows - at \$10 pr month - 7 months to commence on the morrow. Visited Mr Haswell to enquire respecting S. money - neither that nor Dist. returns all in - Conversed a long time on schools with H. & his friend J. Ballard. Drove out to wid. Hawks' to view cows - saw 4 or 5 - none suited very well excepting a pretty good sized red one - price \$24 - had a calf this day - made no bargain. The widow was removing her goods from the homest'd which she had sold to John Steel & another man, to her son's house - next door W. Saw Solomon's who praised the property - Bill Gould & others. A few days previous to this Capt E. Waters sold his house & lot - say 2 acres land covered with a fine orchard, small barn & good wood house for \$1000 to Sam'l H. Brown. Sam'l H. was removing from Pickett's house down to his old farm house - Mr Getty & family being lodged in the lower tenant h.

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Severe chilling wind started up in the morning from S.E. before night commenced raining considerably - quite unpleas't - Transacted some business in the Street - rode on horseback to wid. Hawk's - family & furniture in some confusion - gave some assistance in removing an ancient bedstead which Alvin and his youngest sister had just finished cording. Conversed with Miss Mariah concerning age - she mentioned that Thomas



Abell, her brother-in-law, had lately arrived to his 41st year, to whom she thought something singular would happen - as he always used to be telling what he would do after being 40 yrs old - and among the rest intended to dismiss many foibles of youth. I gave it as my opinion that forty years so soon overtakes us that it is hard to be convinced that we are not young - it being difficult in health to assume the sobriety & seriousness of age &c. Talked of trading with the old lady - asked the age of her red cow which she said she did not know - Alv. called her 7 years old - Looked at her again - appeared much less favorable than on the preceding day - I had given my opinion to the old dame that she was worth \$22 - But I was off - said no more - came to Swift's store - deliv'd back \$16 borrowed money - Went to H. Hall's office and procured School Bill for J.A. Wight handsomely made out by W.S. Southworth - who making no charge therefor - received from me sincere & hearty thanks - Called at S. Chandler's - talked some with him respecting a creature he desired to sell - offered him \$20 - he would not take that for her at present - wished to hold on a few days to see if he could do better - I told him \$22 was the highest price I should give - neither of us knew what they were selling at. Came home to a late dinner - found T.C. Parsons here who had lately rec'd a letter of total denial from his lady - seemed some troubled about it - Staid all night with us - Took S. bill & rode off on a collecting trip - Saw Tho's Kent - not ready to pay - complained of Mr W. because he did not talk to the big boyd for snow-balling Reuben. I excused Mr W. by saying that he could not prevent scholars of that age from doing as they pleased out of school - presumed he highly disapproved of such conduct - I was myself likewise much affronted at their behaviour when informed of it, but what could we do? Must let what was paid go - the man must be paid - Tho's said he would procure the money as soon as he could - made next call on J. Morton - who promptly paid in full \$1.10. At Fay's did not see the Deacon - chopping in the woods - would not be down until night.

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Visited Smiths - Wid. Pomeroy had comp'y of ladies - cheerfully & promptly paid her bill \$1.34 - Mrs Ruth not so well prepared - would send me the balance, 53 cts. Rode S., however before leaving S's wid. p. asked if I wished to purchase a good cow? Answered affirmatively & looked at the property - could not tell much about it - concluded her age was against her. Asked if I wanted to employ her son/ Said no, had hired a man for one year at \$110 Rode S. to the old House tavern stand - residence of wid. & family of the late Will'd Green, also that of Mr Evans - Mr E. absent on a visit or business to Williamstown - of which was informed by his lady who appeared very pretty & interesting - Bill half paid in a pair of mittens leaving due 25 cts. Being rainy came up to L Jewett's and tarried some time - could not at present pay - but ere long would hand over \$1.70, full am't of Bill. Mrs Jewett had comp'y from Wm' town, a boy & young ladies - talked of dairying as usual - Mrs J's prospects being, on that point, very bright. Troubled Miss Eunice for 66 cts due on bill, which however she was unable to pay at this time. Rode next to S. Loomis', rec'd pay in full \$1.24. Learned that fr'd Levi had hired Miss Betsey at the same rate she kept in 1830 - I much approved of the doctrine. On returning home visited the house of Mr Fay, am't of S. rate \$1.78 - could not now meet it - but would see it forthcoming at a future day - Their youngest daughter remained quite unwell - very little if any better than she had been for many days. Reached home sometime after dark: 7th & 8th Father & Geo staked & railed wall on Brown's Fay line against the upper p't of the S. meadow & E. part of cowpasture, fixed rail fence in that quarter & cleared meadow of stone where wall was built last fall.



SATURDAY, APRIL 9 The highest winds prevailed over night and during this day that had been known for several years - blew a part of our shed roof off, injured fences considerably, great quantity of rain fell, and more or less all day, round snow, hail & common snow were driven in whirlwinds throughout our land - very tedious & wintry. With Father attended funeral of Mrs Billings - Sermon by Mr Teesdill, from the words of St John, 12th Chapt. 26 verse - presume he preached well, but being overpowered by sleep must not pronounce judgment - his discourse was well rec'd and liked by the audience. Those whom I recollect that were present were Lieut Safford, Mr Hand, John Staunton, L. & J Norton, J. Rogers, D. Wager, Lorenzo Downs, Loan Dewey Jr, J. Bates, Merritt Green, Sam'l Loomis, E. Fay, Jun., A. J. Haswell

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Mr Evans, L. Jewett - recollect but few ladies, indeed the weather was so rough that few could attend - Mrs Fay & Mrs Rogers were among them. After part of the day executed but little business - rode up Street and returned with Adeline who on Friday walked with Miss Elvira Eleason, who had visited us from Shaftsbury on Thursday, to Capt. Waters' where she paid them a pleasant visit. Mr Kendrick had left his house & once more united himself & lady to the family of his father-in-law Capt Waters. Our cous. Geo. morticed out two bar posts, howeled the bottoms of those troughs - a few of them, made on Thursday - would say - Wednesday. When I wrote the first part of this day's transactions supposed that under the proper date I had mentioned the death of Mr Joseph House - but on turning back to Thursday found it omitted by mistake. On that morning he breathed his last entirely resigned - His disorder was a consumption Mr H. was a very respectable kind hearted, honest, industrious man which of course rendered him a good citizen, generous neighbor - an affectionate husband, a kind & tender parent and faithful friend. He had known what it was to mourn the loss of those most dear to him - some of his children he buried in their infancy - his first wife, the eldest of Mrs Billings' family, he followed to the grave in Sept. 1810, and buried his son, Samuel, a very promising youth, aged ten years, in June 1816 - his eldest son Joseph died at Boston in 1822 - survived his son Hiram by 2 or 3 years - was married to his 2d wife - Miss Sophia Billing in 1822 by whom he had 2 springtly boys, David & Franklin, left by his former lady Lydia & Gideon. Mr H. was born 1758 - Jan - was in active service during the greater part of the Revolutionary War - hired a man to take his place and came to this town with his pack on his back, from the town of Hanover, Ms., as near as I can ascertain, by inquiry, in the year 1780 - Was married to Miss Lydia Billing, say in 1784, went on some part of his life pretty prosperously in the acquisition of wealth, but by entering into an intimate intricate litigation concerning the settlement of major Billings' estate, his mother-in-law the widow taking a very active part against him, laid the foundation of his ruin & it nearly proved so to her. He built his tavern stand in 1798, resided there & kept a public house for a number of years. In 1822 left his old stand with Gideon & Lydia - spending the remainder of his days at his mother-in-laws. At length the house & most of the farm being under heavy mortgage came into the possession of the late Willard Green where his wid



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ow and youngest son now reside. Lydia & G. occupy the dwelling known by the name of the "Scott house", having a small portion of land attached thereto. I have written concerning this subject as much as time would permit.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10 Severely cold like winter - Wind contin'd blowing heavy blasts more or less all day - Performed much writing for self & H. Waters. Drew writing between J.C. Andrews & H. Waters for building house - materials furnished \$429. Rec'd visit from J.C. Andrews who talked of Universalism - and proposed moving family into Tanbrook Shop during the building of his house. Rec'd visit from Nat L Robinson. On the 7th the first among our cows calved - next after Farrow B. on the list was Hathaway. Father & Lydia went to church together

MONDAY, APRIL 11 Contin'd wintry & cold until late in the day - became more mild. Conveyed to Doolittle's mill a quantity of corn in the ear - (a part) say 5 bbls shelled corn was also taken along, all ground to meal. Had shoemaking done by John Harwood. Saw Mrs Ayres with Mrs Coon who said her husband had departed to parts unknown - the former electioneered for Mr Seaton who had lost his cow - must get up subscription for him &c &c. Hopkins accomp'd me on this route. Visited Mr Murphy and family - M. had been making board fence near his house - Engaged the use of our Pratt cow, which was farrow, for a few weeks until his should have a calf - told him he might allow these for what was right. Visited Mrs Rose a short time - did not want to sell her cow. Talked with A., B. & C. on a variety of subjects. Returned home by Mrs Ayres & the new road and bro't home big iron kettle. Father & Geo. piled wood under wood shed.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12 Pleasant but pretty cool - wind N.W. Clearing parade furnished business for the day. P.M. visited S. part of the town - Carpenter's, wid. House's & G. House's, obtained of the wid. \$1.41 in full S. Bill - Collected no more this day - In the evening visited Street - Staid perhaps half an hour at G. Blackmer's while E. Carpenter was doing business with the former, ie Black'r - Got no money of the man at last - I mean Carpenter. No public money. I ought to have mentioned giving or making a short visit to Miss L. House - this P.M. conversed some time with me - She appeared to be Religious. Murphy took away cow as before talked of.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 Pleasant, much milder than it had been - began to assume much of Spring. Finished clearing parade. Sally, Lydia & Diadamia visited & quilted at Capt Waters'. In the evening walked up Street - agreed to take cow of S. Chandler at \$22. to be wintered out. Rec'd final destiny respecting the cashier's cow for which he must have more than 25 dollars. Saw a gentleman from Dorset, or near that quarter, hiring money at the Bank. Bo't of Ed H. Swift 2 corn brooms at 31. Four cows calved in a day the beginning the present week - had about 15 young pigs on hand.



THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Cloudy, wind fresh from S.- good sp'g day. Sowed plaster until wind drove us off - wound up business carting manure into garden and butchering calves. Rec'd assistance to the am't of 1 day by the cous. of Romeo Moon, Hazard M., on R's acc't. It was on this not on Thursday eve'g that I was up-Street & bo't cow of S.Chandler &c. Father put up fences.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 Handsome, very fine really warm day. Plaster was sown by Haz. Moon - R.M. & Geo Harw'd - the cowpasture from where it was finished - 1830 - was sown over up to woods - then the part of board fence finished 1827 - also horse past'e - clover piece in S. mead & 2 acres new ground in North mead - I visited the Street & got tin for fixing chimney - R.Towsley executed that job - made cheese tongs &c - Deming charged me 0/9 for tin - Rode to Sim Harwoods - Bo't a pretty good looking cow at \$22 to be kept until last of April or 2d May - \$8 to be paid on Monday next - remainder on taking her away. Went to Lawrence's - dined there - examined his cows but saw nothing that very much pleased me - Next went to Algiers - paid Voluntine in full the sum of \$3.45 - kept on to Walbridge's - was shown some very fine creatures - and among the rest a cow which he had purchased of Doan in Jan. for \$15 - 9 years old - offered at \$20 - chose not to purchase because she was too old. Saw H.Waters working at shaft & E. Montague & hands building wall for support of wheel & other purposes. Came home about dark.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16 Cloudy - rained moderately - fine growing season for grass, grain &c - Rode in wagg. to town - heard part of Trial of State vs Hurd of Sandgate for assault & battery on the person

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of an Englishman whose name I do not recollect. Heard testimony on both sides, not all, however, on the side of the prosecution - several defences were among those on the part of Defendant - It appeared that it would go against him - Prepared & forwarded line to Asa Hill requesting payment of 36 cents school rate - Had a similar communication intended for R.L.Fenton, Dorset - but afterwards saw him and asked favor of paym't - only 35 cents paid last June to W.H.McKee for schooling - said he could not pay it now - referred ~~to~~ me to maj. L.Norton, with whom he said he had dealing. I put but slight dependence on this resource - Næver mind, it is but small - let it go. At F.Blackmer & Co's rec'd from H.Blackmer, Collector, \$24. to apply on school order rec'd from Col. Blackmer on the 12th inst - Order being \$38.64 - Gave rec't to collector for \$24. - Saw Rexford, Whittum, to whom passed some jokes which I had to explain away because he seemed to take umbrage at it - he went away satisfied. Visited Mr Ogden - requested his price for plow beam - said \$1.12½ - would take cheese for pay at 8 cts pr lb. Under Hivks' shed saw Wickwire, James Norton, Ball Gould, Saff'd Robinson, & others - old subject, cows, revived - S.H.Brown had one which he bo't 1 year ago of James Norton - paid \$25. for her - would not now sell it for \$50. Mr W. wanted to know if I would come and look at one of his, 5 years old, would shortly have a calf - price \$24. I said no - I should look at no 24 nor 25 doll. cows. Much was said pro & con which it would be of little use for me to insert here. Came home late P.M. Father & George among other doings plowed ditch S. of board fence



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against where it was thrown down by wind of late - Evening marched to school house to see whether a regular warning for District meeting posted up on the 8th inst had raised anybody - staid sometime alone playing flute - left - came up to maj. L.Norton's - saw Julius \$15 key flute on which he performed pretty handsomely - spoke with the maj. respecting the late great news from Poland - 24th & 25th Feb'y & politics in gen'l Came home before 10 in the evening. Must mention two brothers, young Irish pedlars from Troy - originally from Londonderry, Ireland - Wm & Ed'd Donnelly - appeared to be honest young men - the latter was learning music on German flute - sold to us goods, including what was p'd in keeping selves & horse, amt'g to \$2.60 - of which Geo P. rec'd 75 " - H.Waters rec'd 238 ft spruce timber - lent to be p'd at call - Sears was with him.

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Rained in the night and about half the day, fine warm rain for the season - Grass & grain very flourishing - Spent the time much as usual - Red'd visits from S.W.Dan'ls, Heman Robinson, Ira B. Dewey, Ed Robinson & nobody else. Late in the day paid a visit to Tanbrook - greatly in ruins - Moons youngest child not expected to survive long. Read a part of Mr Webster's Dinner Speech - deliv'd in N.York, March ... 1831.

MONDAY, APRIL 18 Rained in the morn'g - fair & fine P.M. Dug up two maple trees which were planted - the one in the milk'g y'd, and the other in front of the house. Manured garden P.M. Sol Saff'd Esq paid father a visit & deliv'd for Ira B.Dewey in full for hired service \$28.00 - gave my rec't. Romeo Moon rec'd the Buffalo cow, commonly called "Rome" for 13 doll's to be paid in labor at haying He secured me by putting in my possession a pair of well broke 3 yr old steers. David Randall fix'd clock. H.Waters rec'd 1 l'd square timber & 9 poles (spruce) for the Walbridge building.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Rained again in the morning, fair & cool P.M. Father was sick, had cholic, sent for Doct. H.Swift - Cow & calf bro't from Chandler's. I l'd lumber carried by Geo P. to Walbridge's for H.Waters - Ed H.Swift drew note to himself from me of this date which he endorsed & for which I rec'd at the Bank, \$147.75 - due 3 months from date. Benj Fay, the son of Sam'l, was there. Adeline rode up with me, likewise Hopkins, they returned on foot. At grist mill paid for 2 bbls Sup.Flour \$14. In the street opposite F.Blackmers & Co paid Sam'l Chandler for cow \$22 - On Monday eve'g rec'd for boarder Jason Merrills - young married man nearly 25 years of age - potter by occupation - wanted to stay 5 days while he performed journey-work for Maj. L.Norton.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 Fair & fine. Another l'd timber carr'd off to Walbridges for H.Waters. Sent to Walb. \$20 & rec'd cow aged 9 y'rs, calf by her side. Rode to Grover's to get plow but they had none to accommodate me with. Transacted some small business at Swift & Son's - G.P. killed 4 calves - Hopkins assisted him - also helped drive cow from Walbridges.

THURSDAY, April 21 Cold dry wind - Hazy - Drew



off bones of calves & carcasses of dead pigs pf these latter one of our 3 sows lost out of 13, ten - the rest were doing well - I mean the other litters of 7 & 5 - Plowed garden - Paid for & bro't home 2 cows from Sim Harwood's for which p'd \$22 a h'd without calves - felt much pleased thought I should have no reason to repent my bargain - but after further consideration - seeing they were wanting in flesh & size, without calves which to be sure I did not want, but on their part a gain for which a deduction of price should be made - was sorry from \$2. to \$4. No complaint to enter against cous. Sim & lady - took the property at what I then felt it was worth. The company of Misses S. Mather & M. Waters was rec'd. Our children entered the Brick Academy this day under Mr Parker & Miss Brownson.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22d Tolerably cold - would say tolerably pleas't but chilly - w'd NE. Fixed stone & rail fence of Sam Brown line, built in 1816. B's cattle plagued us by getting through their woods fence. Messrs Getty & Brown had by this time plowed up a large part of the F. farm E. of the road. More calves butchered. Pastures coming forward very fast,

SATURDAY, APRIL 23d Drizzled small rain most of the day. Finished off troughs - trained cows to drinking whey - drove off Brown's cattle - fixed fence between Robinson & B's woods - Filled leach tub - mended gate by smoke house. When at Sin Harwood's saw Rock wood helping put up fence. Saw Aurora Cady who complained of ill health On Monday morning H. Waters rec'd 106 ft square timber & 9 spruce poles. Two lds sq timber pr Geo. - 8 posts 14 ft long measuring 112 ft - 4 long pieces 32 ft - total 128 ft. Mr J. Merrills took leave after paying \$1.25 board bill - calculated on going with his wife & child to Fairfax Vt., to work for a gentleman Potter of that place - some maples looked greenish.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 Something wet in the morning - pleas't remainder of the day, hazy. Engaged until late in the morning in training cows to drinking whey - Did up writing in time to admit of reading Cyclopedia on Language - mind not much confined to the subject. Performed writing for H. Waters. Father getting better. T.C. Parsons visited us. Rec'd company from Hoosick - Henry & Ellen Parsons - young Wells came with them - Doct. H. Swift paid father a professional

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visit - N. Dexter accomp'd him. S.W. Daniels, Henry Duncan, N.L. Robinson, Mr Getty, Mrs Moon, Tho's Kent, & Hiram Warren severally had business here of one kind or other. W.S. Southworth visited us this eve'g - entertaining pleasantly as usual, with him.

MONDAY, APRIL 25 Fine spring day. The fifth 2 curded cheese made the pres't seas. was put in press. Henry Parsons & his companion rode to Algiers - P.M. they started for Hoosick with l'd goods. Cous. Ellen Parsons remained with us - Adeline staid out of school. Tho's C.P. was also one of the guests. Carting manure, shovelled principally by R. Moon, was the business of Geo P. distributed on C's orchards.



TUESDAY, APRIL 26 Handsome until tow'd noon, then arose chilling showers from the E. weather appeared to take sudden change - Fine rainbows were noticed this P.M. Geo P. contin'd carting manure - I fixed board fence between cow past. & S. meadow assisted by R Moon - who P.M. joined his cous. Haz. & T. Kent in scraping up & shovelling manure. These hads had a days work pr man added to their credit - Haz'd on R. Moon's acc't. I nearly lost the latter half of the day hunting for cows to be sold - Visited the house of Luther Burt or that where his father formerly lived - conversed with Job & William - the former showed me a red cow which I did not choose to purchase. Came round through Algiers - saw many people collected together on acc't of some little Law dispute. Spoke with M. Hurd Jr who agreed to furnish me a smart two yr old b.ll to run with our cows the pres't season gratis. Montague this eve'g rec'd 2 bbls cider on acc't at \$1.25 Trees slow in coming forward - generally not much green yet.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 Hazy, chilling wind from the E. Business contin'd the same. Had assistance of Haz Moon & Thos Kent through the day. In 1 h. wagg. accomp'd by H. Waters who had rec'd a bad contusion on one of his great toes so as to disable him from work rode to Mr J. Niles' Shaftsbury, were very kindly rec'd - the old folks and their son Jonathan were extremely well pleased to see H. Waters, talked smart & lively, we dined there, full of business on the farm - plowing & getting out manure. Never was at this house before - much pleased with the people, invited them to call upon us whenever they should visit friends in Pow'l - promised they would. By their advice we proceeded by Gen. Cross'

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down to White Creek, halted at J. Niles Jun's - found 3 of the brethren consulting together - J. was having barn new silled & otherwise repaired After some preliminary manoeuvres David Niles showed us 4 cows with calves by their sides, from which we selected two fine ones. Went up to his red house - saw a fine 3 yr old stud which he offered for use at \$5 to warrant. We then returned to the Stewart estate and conditionally bo't 2 of those creatures, calves by their sides, at \$23 pr head - to be driven to me for fifty cents between that dzy & Monday next, provided he closed his contract with the widow, otherwise my bargain would be null & void. Our way home halted at Cooley's and by recommend from him which appearances corroborated, agreed to give \$23.00 for a handsome brindle heifer 4 years old when she should have a calf - he to risk all until then - She was very gentle & good to drink swill - arrived here late in the day - sometime in the evening. This day died our much respected citizen & friend, Jona. E. Robinson Esq after enduring a painful illness of several months standing - in the 54th year of his age - was the eldest child of the late Jona R. and his lady - grandson of capt John Fassett, one of the first settlers of Bennington. Many years a practitioner of Law, Town Clerk and Magistrate - member of the Cong. Church. In the Military had risen by gradual gradation to the office of Col. Command't. Rec'd a collegiate education at Wms College, possessed many amiable qualities. In 1815 left Bennington for N.Y. City where resided the relatives of his 2d wife - here he spent several years, during which, or the latter part, became a member of the Legislature of N.Y. But in consequence of the fluctuation of the market or something else, lost his property which at one period was thought to be very considerable. His occupation in the City was that of a Merchant.



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I would just go back to Tuesday and mention that I called at friend Jewett's, saw Mrs Elijah Fay with her daughter Janett who for the first time since her illness had been on a visit to Sam'l Lawrence's - Bro't said Jane on horseback up to her fathers. Called one mom't to hear Leger Hoyt play the violin - played some myself.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 Cold rain, very unpleas't, muddy. Too rainy for much out door business - cleared out cheese house in a manner. Friend Parsons paid us a visit - so rainy could not get down to Squires' to his work.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29 Real wet black unpleas't weather, extremely muddy. Scraped yards for manure. Hazard & Romeo Moon assisted us enough to count over half a day. Rained so P.M. that Geo. gave up building cow pens. Mrs Duncan with her daughter Mrs Potter and the wife of her son Sam'l came on a visit - we were well pleased to receive their company. R. Moon trimmed horses for us. On the 27th turned away cows to pasture - hay very scant - saved enough for team a few days. On Tuesday gave in Lists for B. & H. Harwood - The former possessed first of Apl 25 cows, 1 yoke oxen, & 2 horses - the latter 1 Poll.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 Continued unsettled, rainy & very muddy. Geo P. built 10 cow-pens in which to feed our whey drinkers. I had business up-street - Bo't many small articles on credit at Swift & Son's am'tg in full to \$2.22. Bo't Bonnett ribbon for Adeline at F. Blackmer's, 5/3 on book. Saw Aaron Sherwood who engaged Hiram Waters to build large barn & shed on his farm in Hoosick - Returned home to dinner - Afterwards rode with cousin Ellen & our Adeline to Patchins( - bo't for the latter bonnett stuff amounting to 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - Went by way of Bank, Gov. Rob. house and new road to Algiers intending to get horse shod, failing in this, waited at the mill for the girls to make a short visit at J. Rogers' - We returned by the meeting house home - Newell S. had taken 20 young calf-skins in my absence and paid \$10 for them - engaged the remainder at the same rate - fine lot of skins of the kind indeed. Our children attended school half-a-day only. Chymical Appar's had arrived - Those wishing to attend Lectures must sign \$1 for admittance during the course - which would last 2 weeks - They presented subscription to me - signed \$1.00

SUNDAY, MAY 1st Continued cool, some cldy, some rainy, some of the family went to church - some staid at home. Were visited by Dwt. H. Swift, N. Dexter, Ira B. Dewey, O.W. Daniels, S.W. Daniels, N.L. Robinson, T.C. Parsons, R. Moon - Got no time to read - spent leisure in writing.

MONDAY, MAY 2d Rained in the morning - afterwards - pretty cold and rather unpleas't. Among the vari

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ous concerns which gave us employment was that of ploughing in Clark's Orchard. Rc'd some assistance from R. Moon, who said his cousin Hazard had absconded in his debt.



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TUESDAY, MAY 3d Frosty morning - fair fine day - Ploughing & spreading manure for med. the main business. Rec'd assistance from T.Kent & R.Moon - the last only in P.M. Felt uneasy on account of the non-appearance of the White Creek cows - Rode on horseback to J.Niles Jun's to inquire into the business - Reached there past noon - great number of hands employed on barn, which they were repairing - Dined after the men had left table - Saw David & Charley Niles - the former shewed me a very fine flock of sheep consisting of 112 head - Received an assurance of having those cows which could not be delivered on account of the Widow's claim, no bargain as yet having been entered into with her - David said within ten days he should be here - would then have it finally decided - if I could not have them they would inform me as to where others could be procured. Agreed to drive and deliver them as before specified if the contract with the widow could be completed. Saw a daughter of James Curtis deceased - formerly of Pownall, now 45 y'rs of age - seemed to know many of the elderly people of Bennington - made many inquiries respecting them. Came home by way of the Matthews mill, now owned by Wid. McWayne, paid a short visit to our cousin Seneca Stone, who appeared in good spirits - doing well - rec'd me very politely. When arriv'd at Steb. D.Walbridge's made another short call. Got home by dark. Father in the fore part of the day for some reason felt so smart as to take hold driving team which he stuck to an hour or two, to the injury of his health afterwards. On Sunday by solicitation of Doct.H.Swift, backed by the earnest desire of my father, paid \$1 towards the education of youth in the Valley of the Mississippi. The thing was introduced by a preacher purposely sent on the errand - Much on the sectarian plan - This is the way to raise funds.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 Good weather for business, rather cold. On further recollection must mention that it rained quite heavily an hour or two in the morning - decent weather followed. H.Waters, lady & Miss L.Harwood rode off in 2 horse waggon, cleaning house for H.W. I afterw'd went up street to bring home s'd team. S.C.Raymond desired me to look at his celebrated cow for which he would take

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short of \$30. - called & took a view of her, tho't very favorably of the beast, but was no way disposed to pay that sum for her. Came away accomp'd by Tho's Kent to whom lent team to convey his mother to S.H. Brown's. P.M. T.Kent & his brother Reuben worked here - former spreading manure, the latter riding horse. Cous. G.P. finished plowing N. Orch'd first time. Dairy concerns gave me much employment - We now milked 24 cows including one that was farrow - obtained daily as many pailfuls - cheeses from the press weighing from 54 to 56 lbs.

THURSDAY, MAY 5 Cold cldy, very unpleas't, snowed on mountains P.M. leaves very backward, grass & grain flourishing. H.Waters, lady & effects were this day removed to the dwelling of s'd Waters, all in prime order - there were two loads choice articles. Plowing was afterwards pursued until near night. More circumstances respecting this day are not well recollected. Ellen Parsons took part in the removal of goods and arrangement of them at H.W's.



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FRIDAY, MAY 6 Continued very cold, ground some frozen. Plowing ground for planting N.Orch'd was the main business of Geo P. Reub Kent rode horse. Not much recollected of this day. Kept no minutes.

SATURDAY, MAY 7 Fair, warm & fine. On further inquiry find that I took a round or ride to the E. part of Bennington. Saw a red cow owbed by Moses Lawrence - offered me (her) for \$20. Did not see cause to buy - made an unsuccessful visit to the neighborhood of the Dunhams in Pow'l - got imposed on by old Mr Kimball who pretended he had a very fine cow, and calf for sale at \$22. Sight at them was sufficient. I would say that this route was performed on Friday. Dunhams had sold out their cows to Stamford buyers. Plowing & making garden was this day carried on. R.Moon worked for us at plow'g.

SUNDAY, MAY 8 Cold and rainy - much rain fell - Too much employed in dairy concerns to get time either to read or write. Stored cheese in the dairy room. Ellen P. remained with us. Recollect little of what took place this day.

MONDAY, MAY 9 Very cold - high N.W.wind - Sowing plaster in meadows - rolling down lumps of manure & rolling plowed gr'd in Clark's Orch'd, made out this days employm't. Henry Parsons came

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on by way of Pow'l - took on most of his household stuff & cleared for Hoosick. Hial Parsons also gave us a call - had come out to bring his son for the purpose of attending W.S.Parker's school. Took with him on his return Ellen M.Parsons. Mr P. requested us to plow, plant with potatoes and pasture the Tanbrook place - would do what was right for it - we engaged to do it. At night took another view of the cashiers' cow - entertained a notion of buying.-large, well built, not in high order 8 years old. The Pratt cow was transferred from J.Murphy's to H.Waters'.

TUESDAY, MAY 10 Cloudy & cool - Plowing & going to mill chief employment. Made my final visit to Raymond's trading for his cow - milked her - she gave 8 quarts - she had the name of being a very great rogue - therefore could offer him no more than \$23 for her - he asked 25 and would take nothing less - so of course no bargain. Also paid Mr Cooley \$23 for his heifer which was deliv'd me at H.Waters', calf by her side. This proved to be a dear bargain, made more by the ear than the eye - thought Mr C. was an honest fair man or this would never have happened. Saw myself very easily stuffed and gulled out of about \$5. The fact turned out to be that she was never broke - would kick & act bad. He told us she was very fine & gentle, rode 4 days to find her, supposed his wife would pull his hair off for selling her - hung hard for a high price - said he expected cows for debt from White Creek &c &c. I was ashamed of having acted a part so contrary to the rules of prudence & judgment.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11 Warm, much more mild than it had been. Recollect but badly what took place - Something more done at gardening - Bro't grist from mill - Had sack of salt from Troy pr Sam H Brown's team. On Sunday eve'g by the hand of Mrs Street put in the hands of Sam'l H.Brown \$5 out of which was to be paid cash for salt and the transportation of the same. Mrs Street paid us a visit last week - On Sunday morn'g the lady of Sam'l H. presented her husband with a daughter. The 3d child - some business took place which if I could remember might be inserted here. Grass flourished, short, Leaves backward.



THURSDAY, MAY 12 Very fine, rather too dry. Carted manure. Dan'l Allen for S.H.Brown & R.Moon for himself assisted. Maj L.Norton's cattle plagued us - sent word to have him fix his fence and soon after he did like a good neighbor and a gentleman.

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FRIDAY, MAY 13 Soft fine breeze from the S. raised a fineshower at night, or nearly so. Thundered in the bargain. Commenced plant'g corn in the N. orchard - rows only one way - planted pretty close the other. R.Moon had horse to ride to Henry's in order to plant corn on ground rented him by the sons of John Henry late of this town who departed this life more than one year since.

SATURDAY, MAY 14 A very fine growing day indeed. Contin'd the planting business assisted by R.Moon, who made a bed winch and executed some work in the garden.

SUNDAY, MAY 15 Contin'd warm, flourishing & pleas't. Perused papers looked after dairy concerns, wrote Jour'l, visited Jewett's with H.Waters - saw their cheese rack which H.W. took as a model for making one for us - Saw J. but not his wife - Paid respects to Fay's. In the evening settled with S.H.Brown for sack of salt - 19 Y'k shillings - transportation 40 cents - \$2.77 $\frac{1}{2}$ " which was deducted from \$5. bill which I left with him on Sunday eve. - remainder paid me honorably. Parsons went to & ret'd from B's with me. S.W.Daniels visited us this P.M. Orr W.Daniels had 1 h. wagg. to go home with. He on Saturday took away his potatoes from the barn - same day rec'd a writ pr H. Blackmer in favor of old Mr Grover, Algiers. In the eve'g rec'd friendly visit from friend E.Carpenter to whom the dairy was shewn - seemed well pleased - stated that his father made the first cider ever produced on their farm at our press - fall of 1793 - himself & Reynolds, his brother, were witnesses of the job. Mr Andrews & family removed from their own dwelling into the brick shop in Tanbrook - On Friday - to remain there until their new house should be compleated.

MONDAY, MAY 16 Warm growing season, cldy, w'd S. Pursued the planting business. Sally & Geo. made cheese in the evening. I was busy with my pen. Ed. Pratt warned cous. G. to training on the 28th May. Cous. M.A.Waters came from the Street & tarried with us from the 11th to the 14th. Apple trees were very full of blossoms - fine prospect for fruit.

TUESDAY, MAY 17 Very summer like - Blossoms out in full - Finished planting corn in Clark orchard. Had cows milked early & more cheese made in the evening. Father walked up Street & back again

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felt fatigued but thought himself getting better. Died this morning at residence in Bennington F.V., north of Capt Hills, Miss Polly Thompson, aged not far from 70. She was an eccentric character, but that must not make us overlook her virtues. She was honest, industrious & prudent. By her needle she acquired a competency sufficient to carry her through life and leave something to her relatives besides.



H.Waters with his boy W. Ault & the Church boys came down this evening and conveyed away his poultry. A tin trunk pedlar called - but we traded none with him - appeared to be a smart young man. Our children were apparently going on well at the Academy. From 26 cows, including a farrow one, we were making between 60 & 70 lbs cheese daily, never had our dairy more flourishing. My dondemnation of Mr Cooly must be recanted. The heifer proved by this time to be very good & gentle.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 Contin'd warm & cldy - rained some late in the day, very growing season. Spreading manure & plowing with spike team gave us our chief employment. Did not give us time to get up our cows early enough to have the milk in readiness for making cheese this evening. Father, mother & Lydia paid visit to the lady of H.Waters. Ed's Donnelly and younger brother - dealers in dry goods from Troy, N.Y. dined & traded a little with us. Charged them 25 cents for 2 meals and 4 qts oats. Geo. P. bo't vest pattern for 75 cts -lent him money, 50" to pay balance. Bo't 2 tinder boxes, p'd 8 cts.

THURSDAY, MAY 19 Cldy - cool - w'd S.E. rained a little. Plowing & spreading manure was executed by Geo P. assisted by Tho's Kent & his brother Reuben. I was much engrossed in dairy affairs - making and pressing cheese - setting up shelves etc. P.M. T.Kent assisted me in getting up from the cellar ab't 50 bhls potatoes. H.Waters rec'd here 23 spruce poles - from 3 to 5 inches at butt - measuring all together in length 358 ft, & 4 pieces hewn timber - described in the bill - the sent to him until called for by us - S'd timber was calculated for building barn for Benj. R.Sears. Father felt so well as to think himself able to milk & work in the garden.

FRIDAY, MAY 20 Very favorable weather for vegetation & for business. Ground for planting potatoes being plowed & rolled and a large load of potatoes transported into the field - commenced planting the same rolled in plaster. Reuben Kent rode horse for us an hour or two in the morning - Farher assisted some at the business

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SATURDAY, MAY 21 Rained early in the day - showery P.M. & evening - the day ended cool. Planting potatoes contin'd, to be the main business. Father & Hopkind assisted. I rode to White Cr'k to the house of David Niles in order that our mare should visit his st'd the man was not at home, gone to get a load of boards at his father's. Those cows which I had talked of having could not be had - Became acquainted with James Locke who tenanted David's house - informed me of Dr Richards having 1 or 2 to sell - marched down to Palmer's Store - Dr R. came in, was introduced to him, walked back a few rods down upon the Creek where the canals are taken from the main stream - shewed me 3 or 4 good looking ones - among the rest a line backed which he a few days since had purchased of Mr Joel Parker of Benn'n for \$25. on acc't - He wanted 25 - but said as she had no calf by her side, or if he did not say so - it seems he took that into consideration from what I had said - set his price at 24 - offered 23 - He consulted with his son - they poised on 23½ - I imagined she would be struck off to me at my offer - But the old gentleman walked over to his friend Merritt's, soon returned and said M. would take her for \$24. so I lost her - Felt foolish & chagrined to see a pretty fair bargain blow out on so small a consider-



ation. Returned with Locke to his house - Looked at the stud, supped with the folks. Entered into a sort of arrangement with James L. to buy & drive to me two or three cows which should cost me on delivery \$21. pr head or thereabouts - would procure none but such as were good. Mentioned having been employed by an Adams or Cheshire man on the same business, and also had bought up sheep for another gent and had driven them across the gr'n mountains, which confirmed me in the belief that he was a proper person to apply to - Mentioned that he supposed he should be obliged to borrow about \$20. I advanced no money, nor had I any notion to do so. S'd property to be deliv'd by Saturday next when the mare would be returned to us. In this way I left Mr L. - Came down Mr Niles' lane a few rods and met Mr N. with two yoke of oxen attached to a load of boards - found Locke's younger brother with him. He passed the usual compliments with me after which I mentioned to him the occasion of my visit and also in the hearing of the other fellow asked him if

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L. would be a good hand to employ in the afores'd business, to which he made no direct reply, but giving directions respecting the team & load to the young man, resigned the same to him and getting upon a sorrel horse he had with him, rode in company to his father's. The first thing he asked me was if I had placed any money in James hands? - assured him to the contrary - s'd he was afr'd I had & if so I should see trouble - for there was no confidence to be placed in him - represented him & his brother, who by the bye he considered much the meanest of the two, to be poor worthless characters - that there was barely a probability that he could get funds to purchase the property I wanted - and if he succeeded they would in all likelihood be such as would not suit me nor be worth the price agreed on - and furthermore his disposition was so evil that if I refused receiving them he would commence suit with me forthwith. I began to look wild - deemed this transaction to be a rash & foolish one - was led into it in a measure by presuming that N. would not have such kind of character about him - My contract was only verbal - soon began to think of excuses or expediences whereby I could avoid being troubled by this being. After two or three propositions were bro't up & talked over, got Mr N. to agree to go to Mr Locke & say that I had altered my mind - had purchased as many as I wanted - would not buy any more - what would the more confirm this relation was that I had 2 offered me which I refused buying, by Mr Geo. Niles, which was literally true. In fine Mr N. after giving me a pretty frightful history of the Lockes agreed to put the fellow wholly off without it - would see me harmless as to the above concern - s'd he should keep the mare 2 weeks and then send her home. Thanked & parted with him against his father's house. I was sorry to find myself so easily deceived by a stranger - lamented that I should commit blunders in business which would scarcely be excusable in a youth under 20 years of age - that now in my 43d y'r I should exhibit that softness and want of penetration & knowledge of mankind which is found only in the green young man who has never ventured abroad into the wide world. Came to uncle Sam'l Robinson's - halted perhaps 3/4 of an our during which Religion formed the principal topic of conversation - aunt Sarah chief speaker - mentioned the extraordinary conviction & conversion of Heman E. and Ethan A. Fay to the Christian Faith - s'd there was a letter written by the former to several of his old friends in this town going the rounds.



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Arrived here late in the evening. Having left the mare as before mentioned - rode home the bay horse which I had led up for that purpose - Roads not very smooth.

MONDAY, MAY 23d Rather chilly - flying clds - w'd N. R.Moon & brothers came over early this morning & assisted at milking. I rode up-street - transacted some business there & then contin'd my ride to Job Burt's - Job, William, Luther & boys were employed in planting corn. Word had been sent me on Saturday that they, or say friend Job, had a cow he wanted to sell - and that I must come on Monday & look at her - The cow was produced - job did not give her a fair recommend - said in flush of feed would give 12 quarts a day. She was badly kept in winter, consequently low in flesh - appeared to be worth from \$20. to \$22 - he asked at first 23 - I named 21 which he took for her with a proviso that I should afterwards pay \$1. more if I thought she were worth it, which I assented to - had a calf 10 days old - took her for better or for worse - young Crawford helped drive 'till I had got past the new road & left me. This side Dewey's met Mr L.Sherwood who like others inquired what I <sup>gave</sup> ~~got~~ for my cow? On being told the sum he said he guessed he had sold his cows too low - in other words that I had given too much for "The Whistle". After getting home joined company in planting potatoes. R.Moon worked on our acc't half a day for Sam H. Brown - tow'd work performed some days ago. I forgot to insert Sunday irregular order.

SUNDAY, MAY 22d Pretty pleasant - Came on a sudden change at night - grew very cold. We rec'd some company - Or & S W Daniels, Ira B. Dewey & Tho's C. Parsons, Brown & Getty, all in pretty good spirits.

TUESDAY, MAY 24 Cloudy, chilly, rainy P.M. & eve'g. Planting potatoes, when not too rainy & getting up potatoes out of the cellar made up this days employm't. The Burt cow rec'd a dangerous and bad looking contusion on the upper part of the left side of her bag - Unlucky - unlucky indeed. Rockwood dined here.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 Had rained much the night past - held on cldy all day and showery a part of the time. Contin'd planting potatoes. Cous. Geo. ploughed for J.C.Andrews - Hopkins rode horse for him P.M. Adeline arrived from Street in good spirits.

THURSDAY, MAY 26 Broken clds, some slight showers of rain - distant thunder E. & S. Sometimes quite cool & again very warm - thund'd & rained in the evening. Finished planting potatoes in S. meadow, likewise around the corn fields. The Chatfield garden was ploughed and furrowed out ready for planting potatoes. I was employed in the early part of the day assisting at making cheese, as heretofore. S.W.Daniels supped with us on his return from his father's to Dr S's - Said his mother had been this day dangerously ill - but was getting better when he left. His father was at home - was calculating to remove with family & effects to Scipio, N.York. Reuben Kent rode horse for G.P. to plow the Chatfield Garden.



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FRIDAY, MAY 27 Cloudy in the morning - some rainy A.M. and at noon - dist't thunder - cleared up warm P.M. Finished planting potatoes at home & made no small progress in planting the same in the Chatfield garden. In the eve'g visited Maj. L.Norton's - Burning stone ware - L.himself throwing on wood, Bates, O.W.Daniels, N.J.Norton and Leger Hoyt present, fiddle, flute and fife in the bargain - Something was done in music - Made inquiry of the major as to foreign news and our Cabinet - Poles wonderfully successful - Old Cabinet friends coming out against one another &c &c. The C. Brown cow was entered on the roll of milkers.

SATURDAY, MAY 28 Very handsome and fair - fine growing season - Assist as usual in making cheese. Father & cous. George finished planting the Chatfield place. I afterwards helped ash corn in C's orchard. Father contin'd through the day employed in that or some other way. P.M. Geo. went to an election training in N.Blackmer's Company. I saw the tailor Ashley whose bill against me was \$1.25 for cutting for Sylvanus & me which I answered by getting him credited same amt and having it charged to me pr S & Son. Rode to John Harwood's and left boots to be mended. Rec'd at Mr Booth's 12 y'ds strainer cloth accomp'd by letter from Margaret Harw'd, dated April 16 1831, containing explanation about the cloth - mentioned all well at Phillips' - herself living, or would soon go to live, at Bridges, Williamstown, where she would stay all Summer. Rode up from Mrs Dewey's into the Street with E.D.Waters. Saw W. Haswell & conversed with him some time - had rec'd no money from Blackmer. Borrowed papers of Cous. U.M.Rob - talked awhile & came home

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SUNDAY, MAY 29 Unusually warm - dry hot sun. Rode with my daughter to Hoosick Falls. Found John Chase the faithful blacksmith who for 8 or 10 years had assiduously labored at his business in the employment of S. & H.Parson, lying at the point of death. Mrs Parsons and family were in usual health - Cousin Andrew had become very serious on Religious affairs - there was a Revival going on powerfully at this place. Spent a little time at Gen'l Seth's - Doct L.Sherwood Jr attended very closely upon Mr C. - all the doct's in the vicinity had been consulted in this case.

MONDAY, MAY 30 No abatement of heat. Had to wait the forenoon for completion of Adeline's bonnett. Visited the yard of M.Harrington & saw the very fine Eng. bull kept by him. Paid respects to the lady of Senecca Dorr & to her mother - saw neither of the men - all in tolerable health. Went to Doct. Sherwood's - saw his mother & Salina his sister who were employed at washing - saw also his lady who on Friday or Thursday evening first became to parent of a fine boy. Noon - having previously called on the family of H.Parsons, himself & lady not in good health, having seen Miss Caroline Parsons, elder Fletcher's lady being also there, and heard the Elder pray at Mr Chase's. Settled with my milliner by paying \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and with R.Parsons to whom p'd \$1.64 started for home - made some halts now and then - arrived here before night.

TUESDAY, MAY 31 Continued very warm. Father & Geo. F. worked at Andrews' during A.M. Same part of the day I assisted in making cheese, hoed garden - friend Chatfield paid us a visit.



P.M. made a partial attempt to remove our dairy establishment across the way - Milking yard near the brook established - fence made etc.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 Heat contin'd very powerful - compleated our movement - Milking yard cleared of stone - Father went to mill. At night sent Hopkins to mill to bring remainder of grist of corn. I forwarded letter to Margaret Harwood enclosing \$3. to pay for 12 yds tow cloth rec'd on the 28th ult as mentioned under that date. Prepared to work on road on the morrow.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 2d No mitigation of heat - a very timely shower came up P.M. Worked on the road - Sam'l Loomis, Surveyor, operated down on Jewett's Hill and beyond to Pow'l line - Dined at S. L's. Old gent out of health. Sam'l Duncan's horse almost dead. Esq Bates and Mr Duncan were among those employed on the road.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3d Contin'd unremittingly warm. Worked again on the road mostly against the Fay farm. Nearly finished our tour - Tax against father and self amounted to \$9. Sold the bay horse aged 11 years - not sound - good for the collar, to Henry C. Gorman for \$50 - rec'd note due four months from date with use - agreed to get an endorser.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4 Very warm - not so sevverely so as it had been - fresh breeze from the S. Our work on road finished Shelves in cheese room placed on horses. P.M. had business abroad. Saw Smith Montague who said he had a fine cow for sale, price \$23.00. Made many inquiries, respecting which he answered favorably & furthermore said tomorrow evening I might come and see the quantity of milk obtained from her - All very fair - Smith was at work at Andrews' - Same time & place saw H. Waters & D. Ruttenbur with whom held conversation - the latter complained of sunburnt neck which in fact looked bad. Took my way across lots to Wid. Eldad Dewey's. Met Chatfield - passed usual compliments. Questioned Mrs D. concerning her Minister Clerk's cow which she bo't in winter for \$20 - was in want of money, but if possible wished to make it out without selling said property. Marched forward to Charles Thatcher's - drew from him a great recommend of his cow - the Raymond cow, owned by Dr Chandler, did not begin to give the quantity of milk his did - would sell at a high price - Strolled up Street towards the Furnace - to Allen & Safford's store where saw O.W. & S.W. Daniels, Elisha Downs & others. Performed no business worth naming - Rode with Downs back to A. Norton's shop - shaped my course down the river past the old Forge pond ground - crossing the land of Sam'l Fay Esq met a Mr Bivens - Proceeded down N. of Gov. Robinson sug. orch'd thinking to find M's cow, but was mistaken - Visited the Gov. R. house - drank good water - went up towards the Bank - drove down s'd cow - milked & examined her - found appearances indicated great age.

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her mess was under six quarts, also leaked her milk. In short according to my judgement she was just such as I did not want. Came up by the Bank to H. Waters' - supp'd & got home past 9 O'clock. In Algiers called on Mr German - took some very good cider - saw capt Safford who at the request of G. put his name on the back of my note - Saw the Dutch negro called "Coxsackie" who had been mowing in capt. S's door yard. Willard



Bates came to us at noon and wanted to sell or let 10 h'd of cows. G.P Harwood & Sally my dear, made cheese together this evening - There seemed to be a great call for pigs. Meadows looked fine.

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Warm faint S. wind - cldy - late P.M. a sudden shower of rain & wind came up with great fury - blew over in part one of our oldest app. trees - the last of the front south row of the old home orch'd planted by my grandfather at an early day. Father ret'd from meeting & was taken ill but did not hold long. Or & S.W.Daniels visited here as usual - by the former wrote letter to cous. Sam. Rovinson Jun to send me word how the price of old cheese stood. Rec'd visit from L.Jewett about school money which he did not obtain because it had never been paid over. T.C.Parsons paid his respects to us.

MONDAY, JUNE 6 Pretty warm but not so intensely quite as it had been. Sent for mare by R.Moon from W.Cr. Do not recollect much in particular concerning this day - think we began hoeing corn - assisted in making cheese.

TUESDAY, JUNE 7 Contin'd warm. No material alteration in business. Cap P. & S.W.D. attended to training - the companies paid a military visit to E. Bennington - alias Algiers.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 Not over warm - finished hoeing in the orch'd by the house, and commenced the same business in C's orch'd. We were now in the way of getting up the cows at 5 P.M. milking & making half our cheese at night, weighed in these days from 80 to 85½ lbs - 30 cows among which one was farrow & another had not calved - obtained milk from her however.

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house of John C.Andrews, under joint command of H.Waters & D.Ruttenbur. Some blunders were committed in framing which were easily remedied - and one made in raising - nothing however very serious. Capt P.Dewey, Mr Chandler Sen & sons and a goodly number of young men were present. Mr J.A,Wight arrived from his engrafting expedition with Huntington - back of the N.river - had good health - rec'd \$30 for 2 months service - Came down from Shaftsbury on the 7th P.M. - collected of his School Bill \$1.53. This eve'g visited the store of Dr N.Swift - bo't on cr. 1/2 lb arnolto - came home in the evening and assisted in making cheese

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 Great heat - corn growing fast - meadows & pastures very flourishing. Completed hoeing corn first time - worked in the gardens & attended to other concerns. Kinyon Parsons paid a visit to Hopkins on Thursday evening. It was on Monday evening that I viewed Andrew's Diorama at Brannack's - The painting was worth seeing - being a view of the most important places & interesting scenery from N.Y. (Gov's Island) to Albany inclusive. Our dister Diadama came down on a visit which lasted from Wednesday until this evening - tho't our establishment for making cheese the pleasantest location on the farm. H.Waters kept young foxes of which he appeared very fond.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 11 Most cruelly hot until past 2 P.M. when the wind sprang up from the S., and it became cloudy - rained very slightly - thundered & lightened at distance in the evening. A variety of employment was the order of the day - 40 bbls potatoes were got up put of the lower house cellar - stove set up under shantee because it would not carry smoke in the lower kitchen - some work done in the garden & 8 hund. old bricks deliv'd to J.C. Andrews at his new house pr order of his Mason, S. Montague - at \$2.50 pr 1 M. exclusive of transportation.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12 The heat until the after part of the day was almost insupportable - became cloudy - commenced showering and thundered much late in the day. Mother & Adeline rode to meeting - got home at noon - aunt S. Robinson in comp'y who paid us an interesting visit. Orr W., S.W. Daniels & Henry Duncan were here morning & tow'd evening - the first came only in the morning - Mr Wight entered in the eve'g as boarder.

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SUNDAY, bro't over: Spent some part of the day reading papers - much employed at dairying - Fine growing seas'n. ~~Regn~~ Rain began much to be wanted.

MONDAY, JUNE 13 A fine rain during a part of Sunday night greatly improved the appearance of the face of nature - had more rain and thunder during this day. Report came this morning that a neighbor's cow had broken into our corn patch, C's Orch'd, fed off close to the gr'd many hills of corn so of course the fences in that quarter took a mending by Geo P. & father, or father & Geo. P. I was busy ab't cheese, we made one this morning in our old way, milk having been set in tubs and pails over night - some cream of course taken off, from the press on Wednesday which weighed about 70 lbs, the next before it night and morning curds put together, came up to  $81\frac{3}{4}$ , errors excepted - Were so employed until late in the eve'g, that is to say making cheese - During the past week estimated the quantity made at 80 lbs pr day from the press. Late in the day overhauled some old cheese which appeared to be doing bad - fretted a good deal on the occasion - Visited town & Algiers - had Orr W. Daniels mare shod at Chandler's on my own acc't - could not get the work done at Norton's - Alg. Paid Ogden  $14\frac{3}{4}$  lbs cheese in full for making new plow beam - done in Ap'l - let Chandler have 14 lbs same kind on acc't at 8" - Spent some time at Dr S's store. Supped at H. Waters. Bro't home cheese sink & wind'o blind. Mr Dan'l Church arrived in town from N.Y. half dead. I was talking in these days of going to Troy. Aunt S. Robinson appeared to enjoy a fine visit here - conversed much with mother on Religious subjects - related a good deal respecting the revivals now going on in Albany, Troy & other places - Talked of Mrs L. Edgerton & her brothers H.A. & E.A. Fay - the 2 last residing in Albany and now included in the number who have become pious.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14 Continued rainy - roads muddy & bad. As heretofore assisted at dairying - Made settlement with fr'd Wight - due me \$1 to be paid working at haying. Father & Geo. rebuilt old rail fence E. side lane against S. mead'o.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 Yet still contin'd rainy. Same business by father & G.P. Mine varied only in thoroughly

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overhauling old cheese of which there was perhaps from 4 to 500 cwt and it was doing better than we had expected to find it.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16 Contin'd cldy but less rainy than for sev'l days past. The fence between lane & S.meadow finished, goose holes stopped &c. P.M. father & mother paid a visit to Mrs Webster - learned that D.Weeks Jun had lately become Religious - They called at S.Harwood's whence an old plow of wood was bro't home - repaired - wood all new excepting beam. G.P. same p't of day assisted me in taking up & new-laying floor in the cheese making shed - all done tolerably snug. We had now just rec'd the new sink rack - called ourselves pretty well rigged for dairy business. Every evening was devoted to that calling by me and my lady - average weight of cheeses in these days was 80 lbs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 17 Cloudy forep't the day - rained some - past noon clear & very hot - tow'd eve'g clouded over in part grew cool, came off fine at night. After long preparation started with father for Adams, Ms. Saw many good fields of corn, and some poor. Noon dined at Mr Bridge's where we were well rec'd, saw cous. Marg't who s'd last fall she had visited her brother, sister & uncle at the west - all well & doing well. Mrs B. said she was the par't of 5 children - youngest a boy. Started away about 1 - proposing to call next day at cous. Smedley's. At Adams, N.Village, called at the store of W.E.Brayton Esq - did not see the (good) man - gone to S. village with two gent. from N.Y. on business. We pushed S. to Cha's Wells - saw a fine dairy - produce of 39 cows - made 2 cheeses pr day of upw'd of 50 lbs a piece - Saw their press which was immensely powerful - indeed all the dairy people in this quarter had those of equal majesty. Chas W. & lady gone on journey to the West - their son informed us of companies that were constantly running new cheese into the N.Y. market at  $5\frac{1}{2}$  pr lb which he considered would injure the sale of the article in the fall. The young man directed us to call on some gentleman named Cole for information on the dairy subject. Drove on to the house of the son of Ebenezer Cole, where we first became acquainted with the last named gentleman - full of sociability, much out of health, and had been for many years - now 56 y'rs of age - his father - born late in the y'r 1735, died in the summer of 1830 - retained his faculties remarkably well. After some time spent conversing together our old dairy friend invited us to go over & tarry at his house - first viewed his sons cows - 24 in number - we pro

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nounced them a pretty fair lot. He used such as would mess to drinking whey sprinkled with rye meal - and it appeared that nearly as much cheese was made from them as from our thirty - Went to the house of our landlord - enjoyed his sociability awhile and then took supper - the eve'g I spent at his son's - saw his wife go through with some of her dairy operations - nothing however very curious or difficult - converted her milk into curds and which she separated afterwards, suffering the former to remain over night under pressure of a pail of water.



There was a young man named Barber from Pow'l living here who worked for \$10.50 per month - formerly lived at A. Robinson's in Bennington - said he had often seen me - Went to bed past ten - father staid at the old gentleman's. The young man hired the establshment of his father - was 28 years of age - app'd to be very honest & industrious - his wife seemed of suitable age - but appeared not to enjoy good health - was the mother of 2 sons about 10 & 8 years of age. There was an old lady in the family of whom I can say little or nothing.

SATURDAY, JUNE (19) 18      Extremely foggy about the river until late in the morning, sun came out afterwards very powerfully, remained uncomfortably hot till thund. clds arose late P.M. when it grew cool - some rain ensued - little or none where we were. the morning was considerably devoted to being with our new friends - father at the old gentleman's & I at the young man's - his wife was ill I assisted at milking. In due order & season breakfast was prepared of which I was a partaker - but Mrs C. could eat very little - soon after, I was away - marched over to the other house. We had been treated in a manner very friendly. Mr E. Cole entertained father with numerous remarks & observations on a variety of subjects - seemed opposed to hypocrisy & priest-craft as he dedominated it - disliked charitable institutions - viewing them to be the moving cause of idleness among the youth educated in that way - Thought the manufacturing business would soon be overdone &c &c. When we had harnessed up our best ready to leave, thought of proceeding homeward, but on the representation of Mrs C. we considered it necessary to call on the headman of all the dairying establishments in that country - Said

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to be distant 4 miles on the old Cheshire road. We soon rode thither & suffered no disappointm't. Mr Israel Cole we had not the pleasure of seeing, but his lady very politely shewed us the new dairy house, built on an improved plan - 26 by 30 feet - accommodated with two tier of shelves on the sides and front end to the right & left of the door and 3 long tables in the centre running almost the whole length of the house on which was deposited a handsome lot of cheese, upw'd of fifty in number - some of which weighed more than 100 lbs, and they kept only 30 cows if I mistake not. Their extra goodness was attributable to being fed with whey & meal. This lady we had been informed was remarkably healthy and persevering in business - had made cheese more than thirty years - raised six healthy sons within that period - had never been confined from business over ten days at a time during her life - was now in her 55th year having the appearance of (not) being not much over 40. She was engaged now in making cheese & very readily replied to all our inquiries respecting that business, with which we troubled her, for which she rec'd our cordial thanks. They treated us with some excellent cider - of better quality than we often find at farmer's in general. Their house was large, handsome, snug & convenient, painted white, outhouses and barn appeared in ample order, rendering the situation very inviting & agreeable. We were informed that for a number of years together he had annually profitted enough by his dairy to buy a farm. But alas after all - the man had not enjoyed good health for a long time - durst not venture from home over 4 miles on any account - had arrived to 58 years of age - was fond of seeing & conversing with people - especially on his particular calling. It had been usual for them to obtain in the sales of their dairy about \$2. on the hund. more than ordinary dairies.



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Our tarry here was short, we mounted waggon & arrived at North Village about 12 at noon - called on W.E. Brayton whom we found busy in his store - rec'd us very friendly, treated us with wine, gave us an invitation to dinner which we accepted & were sumptuously served - after which we sat perhaps an hour in the store waiting for the air to grow cooler, as it had been extremely warm since 11 A.M. Spoke some with him on the subject of buying cheese the ensuing fall about which he talked discouraging, had thought much of giving it up, having pursued it 15 years without ever making or losing

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much by it - should he conclude on buying would pay our dairy a visit. Had been a Merchant 19 years, born at Smithfield, Rhode Isl'd in the month of Feb'y 1789 - had lost his father - his mother was yet living. Reckoned his chance for education, excepting in figures, pretty limited - he viewed the opportunity of the rising generation far superior to what it was in his day. Of this good man we took friendly leave about 2 P.M. - came down to the last bridge beyond Williamst'n which we actually crossed with the intention of visiting our Smedley relatives - but on observing clouds in the West, recrossed the river & continued on our way direct for home - it being so late in the day that had we gone the other way and suffered delay by being among our friends, were afraid of getting wet as well as being late home. The long hill in Pow'l we found very rough - nothing had been done on it by the Surveyor of Highway the present season. Sol Bennett filled that responsible station and certainly in neglecting a trust so important discovered great want of public spirit. A young man named Parker came in comp'y a part of the way up s'd hill. At Dr B. Morgan's made a little halt and spoke a mom't with him - he had carpenters framing a barn - Arrived here in due season. - found Geo. & Hopkins plowing among corn.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 Warm - Thund'd & rained before noon & we had a powerful shower late P.M. Dairy concerns so occupied me as to prevent me from reading or writing much. Rec'd visits from T.C. Parsons dressed in good style, I.B. Dewey, N.L. Robinson and Sylvanus W. Daniels. Said to be no preaching. In the evening H. Waters & lady were here and tarried awhile - Sent by H. for Mr Brooks to come and officiate in difficult case in his line - after some fruitless exertion by him it was concluded best to postpone the affair until morning. The moon gave a brilliant light considering its age.

MONDAY, JUNE 20 Very fine & fair - something cool. The business of last eve'g was first attended to this morning. Drs S. Robinson & J. Brooks were early on the ground and shortly after the Rose cow had taken from her a dead calf - she continued very lame 3 or 4 days afterwards. Fine cow - would give nearly a pailful of milk at a milking. Dairying & hoeing corn were pursued for a livelihood. The four days meeting began to be talked of.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 21 Cloudy - had fine shower at noon. Hoeing corn was contin'd. When not over the cheese tub was employed as boy to ride horse plowing among corn. Rec'd visit from our old friend Horatio Clark who complained of ill health from bleeding at the lungs which he said was partly pretty near the seat of gov't - did not



expect to live long - half a Century was long enough for anyone to live - and he had gone over that nine years. Mr Parker dismissed school 4 days.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 Fine day - pretty cool. Finished hoeing corn in C<sup>x</sup> Orch'd and commenced with potatoes in S.meadow.

Mr Wight assisted at hoeing P.M., visited Swift's for me before noon & bo't on my acc't 2 hoes - price together \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . First day of the Grand Reformation Meeting in town.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23 Very rainy - rather cool. Geo & Hopkins were sent to Mr M. Hurd Jun's to bring home the minister I engaged of him April 26th. They were successful & procured a fine looking fellow. P.M. we worked on our own road. Mother closely attended the Grand Meeting. The Methodist's held a great Camp Meeting in Cambridge, N.Y. N.L. Robinson came up to see us this evening - said he was going to Camp M. on the morrow to bring home a load of passengers. Lent him \$7. which he would return at the end of a week.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24 Fine day, very cool. Finished hoeing potatoes in S meadow - Hopkins rode home - Friend W't assisted - joined us morning & evening in the milking yard - made sport in giving queer names to the cows. A cheese made on the 22d taken from the press this morning weighed 85 lbs. Making cheese every eve'g was contin'd through this week with the exception of two when it was cool in order to get a supply of butter. This P.M. Mrs Andrews became the mother of her 7th child - a fine fat boy. North'n Lights were seen at night.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 Very pleas't - Remkably cool - Business was mostly suspended. Father, Geo P., Mr Wight & sister Lydia attended the gr't meeting. P.M. Mr Harmon deliv'd a discourse on the Doctrine of Election which Mr Wight & cous. G. considered a puny effort Deac. Hinsdill in the morning read to the Church & Congregation a peace making letter addressed to the members to throw by their dissensions and unite in prayer during

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during the 4 days meeting - and I presume he meant forever after - from H.A.Fay - stling himself an old man but young soldier in the service of Christ. A great awakening seemed to prevail in various parts of the town. I was so run down as to wearing apparel as not to have a coat good enough to wear to meeting - Attended closely to business in my line. Annis H.Parsons was bro't here from H.Falls about noon by Mr Wells who dined with us. Talked pretty strongly on Universalism. Left cous. A.H. to remain several days with us - returned himself with a load of chairs which he procured, after going from here, in Alg's.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 Fine but quite cool. Enjoyed some leisure moments in reading newspapers, say N.Y.Spect. Cous G. assisted in making cheese in the morning, afterwards went to meeting - Mr Wight likewise, and finally most of the family. Wrote out Jour'l which kept me from reading as much as I wished to. Mrs Hannah Follett, widow of the late Capt Chas F. was so ill as to be tho't very near her end. We rec'd visits from T.C.P., Orr & Sylvanus Daniels & Ed Robinson - the last was very lively & sociable on a variety of subjects.



The Gr't Meeting still held on - dsy & eve'g and was numerously attended Mr W. went up in the eve'g.

MONDAY, JUNE 27 Very chilly, cldy & unpleas't - rained some from the S. Geo & friend Wight made preparation for haying and I for going to Troy - worked at dairying - Geo P. repaired Chat-field fence to guard potatoes planted there - Commenced wheying cows again - had ten that would feed - Cheese made on Saturday weighed this morning 82 lbs. On Sunday Mr Amos Gleason from Shaftsbury, with his youngest surviving son A., drop't in a few moments while he took some refreshm't and baited his horse. Said Emerson had returned home from a journey to N. Hampshire, much out of health - afraid of consumption - calculated on attending closely to medical prescriptions for the future and give up labor of every kind. Mr G. attended the Gr't Meeting.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 Continued more or less rainy & wet. If I mistake not our lower cow-stalls for more conveniently feeding with whey & meal were erected by Geo. & Wight - Meeting contin'd through Monday and this day - Business in

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a great measure suspended - many persons were anxious inquirers after Eternal Salvation - some obtained a hope while others were left in the blackest despair - the meetings were numerously attended and the ministers vigilantly performed their duties.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29 Southern winds & clds contin'd coming up - bro't on heavy shower past 4 P.M. attended with thund. - this came from N.W. Particulars of busoness no not recollect - Mr Wells arrived from Hoosick with Kinion Parsons - went over to the Furnace - ret'd through town in the evening and had some hearty attacks to defend against his religious creed. I this P.M. attended meeting & heard the preaching of Mr Gridley of Williamstown, Ms. Text 2d B'k Kings, 3d & 4th verses -, Discourse very good & well suited to the state of mind in which many of his auditors were situated - inviting sinners unconditionally to submit to the will of God. The Church music I liked well. After Sermon I came away - did not stay to hear the anxious ones questioned - Called at the house of H. Waters - came down the road to Andrew new house and conversed awhile with H.W. & B.R. Sears - Got home a little before it rained - rec'd for 7 young calf skins sold to Newell Squires by the hand of T.C. Parsons \$3.50 in full. In the eve'g cous. Geo. helped make cheese - I visited the house & shop of Maj. L. Norton - seleved a large 6 G. pot which we wanted to use in potting cheese - would not bring it home on account of being there on foot - Heard Julius play the flute and saw his new collection of Music in which there were a great many fine pieces.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30 If I am correct was pretty dair. This day the Gr't Meeting was bro't to a close. Father had attended yesterday and again this day P.M. Mr W. was said to be among those who had obtained a Hope.

FRIDAY, JULY 1 Showery & warm from S. Hoeing potatoes 2d time going on. Friend Wight worked for us A.M. - went to Friday meeting P.M. to hear preparatory Lecture. We contin'd making cheese evenings - some that had been made lately was not doing well.



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SATURDAY, JULY 2d Very warm - some showery - but in a slight degree.  
We hoed corn 3d time. Mr Wight worked for us.  
A small quantity of hay was got in.

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SUNDAY, JULY 3d Very warm cldy & muggy. Many of our family visited the Sanctuary - Rec'd company as usual - O.W. & S.W. D. and Ira B. Dewey, also T.C.P. - all in fine spirits - we had to add to our daily task the making over of a large cheese which we were afraid to risk in its pristine elements. M.A. Waters bro't me \$7. fr N.L. Robinson which he borrowed a few days since - All as it should be.

MONDAY, JULY 4th Fair but most cruelly warm. Completed hoeing for the season in the Chatfield garden - Mr Wight assisted 2/3ds or 3/4th of the day. I rode to Loomis' and procured beast for going to Troy on the morrow. Old Mr L. better than had been. No celebration here - People had their minds raised to higher objects.

TUESDAY 5th Gone to Troy - first day very warm, showery P.M. &  
WEDNESDAY 6th & early in the eve'g. 2nd rained all the morning  
THURSDAY 7th very steadily - extremely muggy - heat hardly supportable - Rained & thund'd late in the day. Let me mention that Edwin, the eldest son of our old friend Horace Dimmick came here on Monday P.M., tarried all night, late from Cincinnati, Ohio, whither his father had gone, whence he was going to transport his mother and all the family - Solicited us to buy their cow which was done by father during my absence, for \$17. Started late in the morning of the 5th - travelled alone until arrived at Geo Snyder's - here found Orr Daniels & Church twin boys with the household goods of Mr Tappan their brother-in-law with whom these boys were going to live awhile & go to school in the town of Hobart, Del. Co., N.Y. in the neighborhood of the sources of Delaware R. During short shower took shelter in Blacksmith shop - visited the house along with Tappan & lady where saw a lady white-washer - they appeared to be accommodating people. Got to Troy before sunset - encountered a small shower of rain - Bo't 2 bbls flour & put u up at Northern Hotel - very well used. Or Daniels & Church boys were there - Very warm night - Spent more than half the 6th buying goods, bills & the am't of which may be seen by looking among my papers and in the cash book under this date. Ny friends Arnolds & I.V. Powelson shared most of it. Called on Mr Gary - traded only 2 dolls worth

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Left fanning mill iron for the purpose of getting a new one cast at Starbuck's - forgot to see to it afterwards. Thursday cldy & very warm Ought to have put down for preceding day coming up to Henry Snyder's & making halt during a serious shower of rain attended with thund. after which came on to Geo Snyder's and there slept - heard some queer remarks on some Professors of Temperance by a man of opposite stamp. Now for the 7th - Travelling very unpleas't for the season. Rec'd good & kind treatment at the hands of my Landlord - came away rather late in the morning - obliged to halt many times on account of heat, and besides my hired beast was not of the firmest kind - very low in flesh. Made a momentary stop near the Half-way House to talk with our old friend J. Wads worth who appeared to enjoy pretty good health - said he was 60 years of age Dec. 1830 - alluding to the late Awakening in this place, called



himself a very wicked man, but did not know as he should ever be any better - was glad to hear that others were. Told me his brother Abel who was a cripple from his youth up died but a short time since - By 1 P.M. arrived at Four Corners - called at Breese's - very warm - Young Abraham took me out to see a 3 yr old heifer & fatted calf which he offered to dispose of at \$17.00 - but after going over a very extensive pasture failed of finding her - therefore he gave me a glass of beer. Saw my old friend Newell doing Post-office business - He was formerly the Land lord here - The establishment now appeared very imposing - house raised up another story - geand piazza and tall pillars - full store off 3. of the Bar-room - really carried an air of Business. Delivered some boxes goods in the Apothecary line to Dr P.M. Armstrong who honorably paid me therefor 25" and gave me a glass of wine in the bargain. Mr Stebbins Walbridge called to bait, being on his way home - made some display of his religious sentiments which seemed very well to suit the comp'y. Saw a colored man there in the ostler's depart't. My stay here was a good deal prolonged on account of the severity of heat which I was in hopes would be assauged by that time. More or less started for home. At the Kenyon place made an agreement with a fellow travelling to mutually assist each other in getting up the Line Hill - found him up to it in full. Indeed I think my team could never have risen it alone - so worried &

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and over-heated were they. The Loomis beast proved to be quite deficient in force and bodily energy - however appeared to be willing to do all that was possible. The generosity of the young man in rendering me so distinguished an act of kindness drew from me many weak efforts to signify gratitute for the same. Halted at Dimmicks and took with him 2 glasses of lemonade. He was from New Haven Co., Conn - employed in the peddling business - had an excellent span of large bay horses in first rate keeping - worth all of \$250 - good harness without breeching Snug waggon painted green if I remember rightly, body supported on a sort of low iron or steel springs - Gave him an invitation to come home and tarry the night - at first he thought he would - but finally concluded on staying at Hicks'. Told me his name was Clark. Reached home by about sun-set.

SATURDAY, JULY 9 Continued damp & warm - Great thunder shower in the P.M., much more cool afterwards. Mowing was executed by Geo P. & friend Wight. I had undertaken to go to Shaftsbury on business at Mr Gleason's but gave it up after the shower. Rode Up Street. Let Hopkins go to mill while I was busy elsewhere. Spent sometime at the Pr. O., heard John S. Robinson speak on Religious affairs - held to Unitarian principles. Geo. P. sick at night.

SUNDAY, JULY 10 Fair, flying clds, very cool indeed. Dairying of course took up a part of my attention - bestowed some portion of time on reading the public papers in regard to Cabinet disturbances - too drowsy however to enjoy much in this way. Sylv's W. D's paid his respects here - Also H. Waters & lady. Father & Wight attended meeting at the meeting house.



1831 MONDAY, JULY 11 Contin'd cold & cldy - Clover in the N.mead. cut.  
Mother & Adeline conveyed materials for two coats to Shaftsbury to be made by Elv. Gleason. Aunt Sarah tarried over night with us - talked much on Religion. R.Moon contin'd in our employ.

TUESDAY, JULY 12 Fair and cool. On the evening of the 11th the mortal existence of Miss Phiana, eldest daughter of Mrs Pliny Dewey was closed in the full hope of a more happy and glorious hereafter, aged 23 or 24, had for a number of years patiently endured the pains and pangs of long continued sickness and debility all which she met & bore with perfect Christian resignation & fortitude to the last. All hands busy in getting up clover hay - N. meadow - except

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Wight's working for S.H.Brown on our a/c half a day hoeing potatoes - Sam H. removed his old wood shed to the E. side of the road for the purpose of adding to it and fixing the whole into horse barn & wagg. shed. We ought to have assisted but felt so anxious to get up clover in good weather that we did not turn out. Mother & Adeline arrived from Shaftsbury. Miss Nancy Doty, eldest daughter of the late Moses Doty formerly of Troy, N.Y., came to pay us a visit. Had spent the winter at Mr C. Safford's in Enosburgh, Vt., with her aunt Betsey, appeared smart & active - had been a few years past over a great extent of country visiting relations & friends. Her brother Ellis resided with his family in good circumstances at Detroit, Michigan. His age 48 & hers 46, both young when I first knew them. Her home was at Binghampton, N.Y. Mr Collier, her brother-in-law, who in 1826 bro't his wife here then far gone in consumption, since her death had married another young lady and buried her also. This day made a settlement with G.P. Harwood so far as regarded interest on his notes which was balanced up to this date by due bill of 68".

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 Became warmer than it had been, very favorable to haying - Geo & Wight made stack - Moon crad'd rye. Father and mother attended the funeral of Miss Dewey - Late in the day rode up S't with Moon. There was a Temperance meeting at which a discourse was deliv'd - Was not present - Bo't of Swift & Son 1 scythe \$1. 2 lbs sug. 20", all on cr. And of F.B. & Co 1/2 G.F.B'y cr 75". Saw O. W. Daniels who complained of hard jaunt to Hobart, N.Y. with ~~his~~ the young Clergyman & lady. For several days past had omitted making cheese in the evening on account of being obliged to set the milk for butter.

THURSDAY, JULY 14 S. wind & clds prevailed. Fine for business. Mowing chiefly confined to the S.W. qr of the N.Meadow - heavy yield - Stack finished P.M. - hay got in - Rye bound & Dutched up, though it employed us until eve'g - Cheese made in the evening - Mother & Hopkins waited upon Miss Nancy Doty to her cous. Asa's at Faran Creek leaving her there ret'd home late in the day. S.H.Brown's cattle paid their compliments to our N. mead. & grain this morning, but were discovered in season to prevent their doing much damage. Moon informed me that another gentleman wished to seduce him from my employment, but that he resisted temptation and stuck by me.

FRIDAY, JULY 15 Thud'r hds app'd portending rain, none came, Very sool breeze sprang up in the eve'g. Made an 83 lb cheese as it came from the press. Most of the rye got in. Wheat harvest begun in the



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Wight proved himself a first rate reaper - Geo P. soon became his equal and they laid the grain low in a hurry - Moon was an artist at cradling, but a bungler at reaping - Business went on lively & in regular order.

SATURDAY, JULY 16 Thundered in the S. a good deal - Rained two or three hours - left off cool - Litt. mead. mostly mown.

Assisted my lady in potting ab't 120 lbs old cheese. There was waste in rinds &c of say 30 lbs which would make 150 lbs at 7" am't to \$10.50 - then add 3 pts F.Brdy at 9/0 pr G. 58", say 50", more trouble in executing the job and the bill would swell to \$11.58. The retail price of s'd article should be from 11 to 12½ cts, had to pay or allow on book \$1 a piece for the pots - Finally it could not be afforded for less than 12½ cts pr lb. Orr W.Dan's paid us a visit - also cous. Henry Robinson who made fervent supplication at the Throne of Grace for his sinning relatives and the World at large. Tho's Kent had wagg. & horse to go to James Hubbell's free of charge.

SUNDAY, JULY 17 Rained much in the morning, cldy all day, cool. Father Lydia & Geo went to meeting. Visitors here were Orr W.Dan's, H.Rob., Benj R. Sears & H.Waters. Could spare very litt. time to either read or write. A large cheese was made. Spent a short time with Messrs Andrews & Littlewood. Mother perused the Bible.

MONDAY, JULY 18 Dull, cldy, rainy in the morn'g, at noon & again P.M. Boys compleated mowing litt. mead. & entered the N.M Had business up street & in Algiers. M.A.W's rode off with me - Hopkins likewise - had a garment cut for him by Mr tailor Davis. Visited James Harwood to get the promise of shoes for Hopkins - uncle John gone to Weeks' - saw H.Ray there. The frame of Dewey & Weeks' great Hotel had lately been raised. Left with Ed H.Swift note, or was going to do so, to Bank for \$150 - finally went there with it myself and took up the one given Apr 19 - paid discount \$2.25. Bo't at Swift's 16½ yds cott. sheeting at /4 and 2 do sheeting at 10" - booked - Left books to be regulated. Visited Gaz. Office - perused some of the letters of Franklin - Saw Col Merrill & Judge Danforth of Pow'l. Called on W.Haswell for remainder of money due Dist. No.2 which could not pay over because the Collector had not paid it in. Returned home, sat down, to read papers, too drowsy to enjoy that privilege much. Wrote a reply for I.B.Dewey to a letter from his people in Hopkinton, N.Y. rec'd this day. Made cheese in the evening.

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TUESDAY, JULY 19 Cloudy but tolerable hay weather. Litt meadow mostly cleared of hay besides getting up 1 l'd from the N.Mead. Roma M. had his house stoned by boys. T.C.P. remained with us through the day. Wight attended an evening meeting in the St't.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20 Dull hay weather, showered at the N. & here some P.M. attended with thund. Got in all the hay - cutting wheat & mowing grass in the Md.north of the house terminated the business of the day - Hopkins waited upon his uncle Chatfield to Algiers. Broached a two cured cheese the first made this season, weighing 37 lbs, mostly sent off to mechanics. Commenced making cheese April 16th.



THURSDAY, JULY 21 Unsettled, rainy & cldy - Didn't however shower until P.M. attended with thund. hardly enough to spoil hay. Wheat cut & set up - last mowing finished in the N. mead. Most of the hay got in, but the rain came too quick for us. Rec'd company - Mr Goodell, Erastus & Smith Montague. Made up a little matter of difficulty with E.M. in which I acknowledged myself to have erred but honestly - I believe it all blew off very fairly. Rec'd in full for bbl cid. \$1.25 of E. Montague - and of S.M. \$1.12½ for another.

FRIDAY, JULY 22d Cldy, pretty warm - sudd'n show'r P.M. Finished haying in N. mead & reaping wheat by noon. Hopkins was sent to the Gov. Robinson house for S. Montague. Chatfield bo't a piece of new cheese for Capt Hills at 6¼" paid. Cousin Ann Parsons was here on a visit - if I mistake not. Made cheese at night.

SATURDAY, JULY 23 Cldy & rainy most of the day. Boys mowed much grass notwithstanding rain. And. Parsons contin'd with us. Mr Wight attended evening meeting. D. Rob. Jun was thought to be under strong conviction. Cheese grew less daily.

SUNDAY, JULY 24 Warm, cldy & hazy. Lydia staid at home & assisted in working over sheese on the shelves. Mr Andrews called on us - talked Universalism. Father was too unwell to go to meeting. Geo P. Wight, Adeline and And'w Parsons attended - Lydia went in the eve'g. We paid Mrs Kent a visit in the early part of the eve'g.

MONDAY, JULY 25 Temperate. Pleasant eve'g. Clover hay covering 2 or 3 acres of ground - all secured in fine order - Moon builds stack. Much of my time taken up in the dairy room - 2 lds wheat got in. Cheeses growing lighter constantly. Paid eve'g visit to Mr Andrews.

TUESDAY, JULY 26 Rained nearly all (day) A.M. Hot P.M. - Light showers. Boys thrashed rye until noon - Mowed P.M. Father & self repair fences.

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26 Contin'd. Spent as much time as usual in the dairy. No making cheese evenings in these days - butter being too much wanted in the family. Andrew Parsons caught fishes for amusem't - Ret'd by stage to 4 Corners, thence home. In the evening visited Mr Andrews & family - joiners all on the carpet. Music ver. good, in which Mr Litt-wood took part. Mrs Moon was in our employ't. Gave order on S.&S for \$1.33 to her, being 50" over pay in adv.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 Coolish, clds fly'g from N.W. Haying went on remarkably well. 1 ld wheat drawn in. Cows early milked and cheese made at night.

THURSDAY, JULY 28 S. wind & powerful rain showers constituted the weather of this day - no proper weather for haying - Previous to the rains the grain was all safely deposited in the barn - estimated number of sheaves at 1200 - number of bbls 75, smutty wheat. Doct. N. Swift & Mr Rev'd Morton paid us a Religious Vis. Our friend J. Harwood came to do off a job of shoemaking. Located him in the shed loft - Boys mowed when they could - made cheese in the evening. Sold cheese



cheese 7 lbs (old) to Nichols - Alg - at 7". As to a few particulars respecting our wheat crop - turn back to Sept-Oct 22 & 24 1830 - It covered about 4 acres ground. Had 2 do good rye.

FRIDAY, JULY 29 Fair and cool. Completed haying all S. of the brook & stack of 9 tons in the bargain. We resolved to salt & scald cheese less than heretofore, and work at it no more at night. Had injured the sale of dairy a good deal.

SATURDAY, JULY 30 Warm dry S. wind. Cows behaved bad on account of being bitten by flies - gailed vastly in quantity of milk. Haying mostly finished -  $4\frac{1}{2}$  tons being gathered in the central part of the S. mead. Made out in full for the seas. No I am too fast, our reckon'g up to this date amt'd to 50 lds - estimated at 40 tons. Mrs Caroline W. Kendrick on Friday paid our ladies a visit from Troy, N.Y.

SUNDAY, JULY 31 Faint morning followed by warm S. wind had short shower P.M. Geo P.H., J.A.W., Moth., Adeline & Hop. attended at church. The death of Mrs Follette, eldest surviving daughter of the late Col Sam'l Robinson of this town was announced - supported a spotless character - possessed a noble and generous spirit - remarkably kind to the sick - deeply lamented by all, aged 60. She buried an

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only son & only child many years since - and her husband Charles Follett in 1814 if I am correct as to date. H. Waters, B.R. Sears, paid respects here. Lydia visited at H.W's. Went to J.C. Andrews & heard piano awhile. Returning home found Br's cattle in the corn field - C's orch'd - hallo'd raised neighbors - soon had cattle out - Tho't this not quite right. Our friend gave assurance of better things in future.

MONDAY, AUG. 1st Muggy heat - cldy - signs of rain - Showered at the S. very little came to us. Boys mow manured land which was very productive in S. mead. Father attended the funeral of Mrs F. Mother staid at H.W's. Hay put up in doodles mostly. Or W. Daniels paid a visit to his girl in Berlin, N.Y.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2d No good weath for haying, clds blown from the S. gathered up N.W. and burst upon us very powerfully in the night, letting down a great deal of water. Mowing was carried on in the E.p't of the S. mead. 4 lds hay drawn in in bad order. Hank Letcher came to visit R. Moon while we were milking at night. Geo P. got papers. Mother arrived from W's.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 Held cldy through the day after so much rain. Scythes were kept in motion nearly all day - had a quantity of hay raked together - counted 45 tons in stack & Barn up to this date. E. Montague rec'd 1 bbl cider on Cr., the man who came for it told us that our late neighbor Geo Robinson was almost dead. Mother & Hopkins visited uncle Sam'l's and returned pr Algriens. Cheeses growing lighter every day - made none evenings.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 Cldy - same time had fine weather to get up hay - Sun appeared near the approach of evening of a bright silvery hue. Six l'ds hay drawn in - E. side barn floor pretty well filled up. Mother & Sally paid Mrs Duncan a visit, family visit.



W.E.Brayton Esq called - viewed and gave opinion against the dairy - seemed some disapp'd - came prepared to offer us more than he had done in seasons past - but on account of its hardness could offer no higher - however, would pay us as much as any one provided he did not offer clear up. Left it in that way.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 Heavy clds to the N. & S. rained but litt. here.

Commenced building the last stack a few feet S. of the Dry Brook some E. of the W. extremity of the S. mead. Barn nearly filled with hay. On the 4th Mr Geo Robinson breathed his last - worn out by a cancer on his under lip - in his 54th or 55th year - was said by some to have given up his Universal principles, while it was contradicted by others.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 Fine for haying & work went on most pleasantly in the W. part of the S. mead. Cattle got into the Chatfield potato yard - we fixed fence & imprisoned Mrs K's cow until next morning - that beast being ring-leader in all such mischief. Mary Ann Waters and Amanda Robinson visited us. Objected to certain persons coming into the old Chatfield house, nevertheless the dear family did come.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 Cool, cldy, wind E. Cows drying up daily. Paid R. Moon this morning \$3.00 in money tow'd work in haying - Most of the family went to meeting - Roosevelt preached - Wife & Miss Lydia employed themselves in stopping up cheeses. Southworth getting better. Ira B. Dewey, Or. & Sylv. paid respects to us. Mr Andrews came up and staid awhile in the evening. I performed writing for H. Waters - say at night.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9 Very rainy - great quantity of water had descended. Boys put rings in the pigs noses. Sold pig to R. Moon which weighed  $59\frac{1}{2}$  & at 4" pr lb amt'd to \$2.38 Settled with friend Wight. But here I am writing after the wrong paper. Say Monday, Aug. 8 Chilling winds & clds bro't on E. rains - it was but slight. Much engaged in dairying. Assisted P.M. in finishing off haying. We counted up 70 l'ds - estimated at 61 tons. Built 2 stacks in the S. & 1 in the N. mead, consisting of 9, 8 and 4 or 5 tons, am'tg in all to 22 T's, leaving in barn 39 tons - Carried Amanda Robinson up street - Visited Clark's Reading Room - Perused Life of Gibbon a mom't. Saw U.M. Robinson - engaged cheese to Fassett. Swift & Son had sold out their goods to (Southw) Sanford & Brown. Hired of Dr Swift \$25. at six pr ct. When I got home the boys exhibited a fine mess of trout they had taken in our brook. Quantity of wint. wheat, say 1200 sheaves.

TUESDAY, AUG. 9 Contin'd from the lines of same date above. Paid off J.A. Wight who had faithfully served us through haying & harv. at \$17.00 pr month - wages amt'd to about \$20. Rode up St with him - Sold  $27\frac{1}{2}$  lbs new Ap. cheese to H.H. Fass't at  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " but afterw'd on final sett't put it only at 6", on a/c of his being dissatisfied with it - 78 cts worth on friend W's a/c was deliv'd to Selden's people. Read N.A. Review at J.S. Rob's - borrowed the same - came to Sanford & B's and bo't of them goods to am't of 32". Previously



had seen young Lawyer Lyman at the office of J.S. & heard something said of keeping Sixteenth. Said something to Col Merrill respect'g \$1.68 due me from him for cheese, which he said should answer towards the company a/c against me for taking Gazette. At F.Blackmer & Co's bo't 1 lb tea 75" Cr.Staid to hear some remarks on Religion, chiefly from S.Dewey. Those present as recollected were capt P.Dewey, V.D.Spieg., A.Rob. Sr and another whom I did not know, besides J.Brooks. 3 sows were put up to fatten.

WED. AUG. 10 Cldy, no rain worth noticing. The old well which for grand many months had been useless, having been dug by order of my father in the fall of 1774, was this day totally resigned up & covered over compleatly with a large flat stone. Canada thistles were mown in the litt. mead. P.M. rec'd comp'y. Austin Harmon Jr, Mr Pool, Mrs P. and Mrs Martin - came principally to view our dairy - Bad time, did not show to good advantage, treated them as politely as we knew how, their tarry was short. Wight came home. Miss Lydia Harwood was 40 years old on the 9th inst.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 Warm & fair. G.P.H. cut up brush in the S. mead. I was up St P.M., partially attended examination of the Acad'c School - classes in Arithmetic and some other branch not much to my taste, or rather not calculated to excite interest in me, were under the hammer when I was present. The answers were prompt generally & I presume correct. Saw David R. Jun & others there. Vacation to continue up to Aug. 25. James Hubbell Esq shewed me a subscription for the Mc Adam road to be built down E. of the Meeting-house hill. I signed \$2. payable in labor. Visited Southworth at wid. Squires' - had been sick 23 days. Mother & young Hopkins made visit at Mr Judd's. Read Jour'l of H. going home.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 Warm & cldy. Sixteen years this day since the death of our grandfather P.Harwood in his 81st yr - born July 25 1725. Father & G.P. mowed Canada thistles. I was busily employed in fitting up shelves for the better accommodation of dairy department - Doct. N. Swift paid mother a professional visit - supposed she took cold going to Judd's. Dr S. bro't with him his litt. gr'd son, child of Ed H. Grasshoppers were numerous in our pastures - robb'd cows vastly. R.Moon gath'd app's for making cider to sell on the 16th. Cows dried away a good deal, however made a goodly quantity of ch

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SATURDAY, AUG. 13 Very warm indeed. Contin'd myself in dairy removing cheeses &c. Father mowed thistles. G.P.Harw'd worked for Doct. N.Swift at haying - to have the same paid in labor on some future day. Mr Wight came from Harmon's. Roma Moon assisted by Geo & Sylvanus made cider for 16th.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14 Cldy, dry, extrmely warm. Grasshopp's numerous. Could devote but litt. time to reading. Examined the N.Test't concerning the Miracles wrought by our Saviour. Several members of this family were at church. Hoosick Wells & Annis H.Pars. with Henry H.Parsons & Mariah Chapin dropped in past noon. Tho's C. also gave a call, likewise Sylv. & Or Dan'ls.



MONDAY, AUGUST 15 Contin'd warm as above described, clds fly'g. Geo P. & our Hopkins commenced plowing rye stubble above the barn. Much engaged in removal of cheese. Southworth getting better. Father contin'd cutting up bushes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 Contin'd as warm as mentioned above. Father employed himself building wall S. side lane front of the house. The celebration in town was said to have been very appropriate & numerously attended - Could not well go myself, so confined by Dairy. Some urchin got away the clapper to the meeting house bell & hid it - so they had to use a pair of tongs in its stead - the sound, before we were told the cause, made us suppose the bell had cracked. Geo P. sold cider enough to come to \$5.88 and did not empty his bbl by sev'l gallons either. On looking over his mon. found \$1. on Niagara Bank - this, however, did not make it out but that we had done handsomely. Pretty well to take \$4.88 for what was sold - R. Moon succeeded well - Mrs Harw'd baked cakes for him - he paying our price therefor - Hopkins assisted in selling.

WED. AUG. 17 Heat contin'd powerful. Father & Geo P. threshed wheat. With my lady, after paying strict attention to Dairy affairs rode to Hoosick. first touched at S. Parson's Esq's - sp't some mom'ts in the Library Ap't - Perused article on King Fred. of Prussia who died in Aug. 1786 - Rather eccentric in character. Mrs P. offered remarks unreservedly in opposition to Religious Revivals - 4 days meetings &c &c. Saw Mrs Chase there who sent word by me to Deac. Hinsdill concerning some money due from him to her late husband - wished him to pay or renew the demand - Seth gone to N.Y. Came in the eve'g from Hoosick.

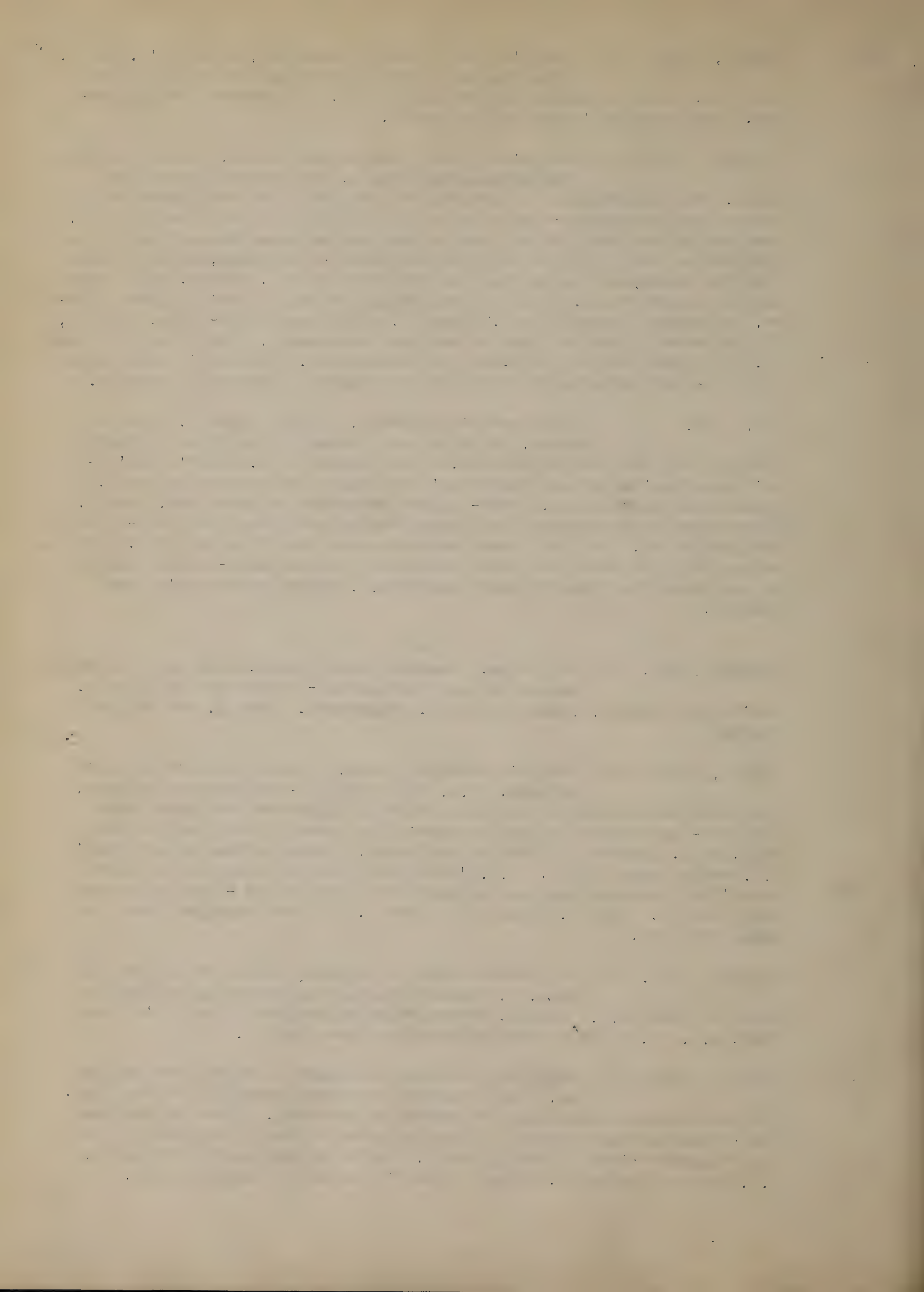
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THURSDAY, AUG. 18 Very warm. Washing smutty wheat, dairying & plowing were severally carried on - Cheese not doing well. Rec'd visit from W.H. McKee and Gust. Southworth. Roma M. was off with waggon

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 Contin'd extremely warm. Plowing suspen'd on acc't of heat. P.M. went to mill - saw Doolittle there, who being anxious to get up to his house, volunteered to convey him thither - performed the same and rec'd the favor of the loan of the Hist. of C. Columbus by Washington Irving. Wight arrived from Harmon's T.C. Parsons made a call. S.H.B's hog and even hogs visited the lower cornf'd & destroyed what was estimated at 5 bbls corn - his haying was some in rear. Sylv W. Daniels for Doct N. Swift was employed among his hands this day.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20 Dry faint weather - Business like that of the 18th Cous. G. resumed his plow again, having assisted at wall on Friday A.M. Capt E. Waters, wife & youngest child arr'd from Troy, N.Y. R. Moon came home with waggon from Henry's.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 Warm dry, suffered from want of rain - cows drying up. Family mostly at church excepting father & me. 110 persons were propounded as members of the Cong. Church in Bennington - Perused many passages of New Testament - also a few pages of Irvings Columbus - very pleasing story. Rec'd the company of Mr Coffin, I.B. Dewey & Diadamia D. Waters - Mrs W's child had whooping cough.



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MONDAY, AUGUST 22 Gr't signs of rain - had slight shower with thund.  
 Contin'd very warm. Father & self thrashed rye.  
 Geo & Hopkins were empl'd in the plowf'd. Hay stacks were capped. Thos  
 C.Parsons came up & bo't some new cheese for capt Hills which was not v  
 very good. Rode with P. up-street to where Doct Swift's men were blast  
 ing rocks to obtain materials for stone fence - Saw Mr Andrews who made  
 some remarks on the oddity of some people's talk in R. Meetings - Borre  
 rowed pl'h p't of S.H.Br'n & came home.

TUES. AUG. 23 Stiff blast of wind S. Flies very troublesome.  
 Several hours spent in the dairy on account of the  
 mischief of that insect - Rained but it was but sparingly. Threshing &  
 plowing severally performed by father & cous. G. I was off to mill in  
 Alg. Wife rode up to Sanf'd & Br's and perhaps to F.B.&Co's. Got 3  
 plow points at Grovers in the Old Pocket Furnace - made final settle-  
 ment by giving up the demand which I had rec'd of Orr W.Daniels for  
 transportation of stone, Nov. 1830 and paying 25" money. Wight about  
 going off.

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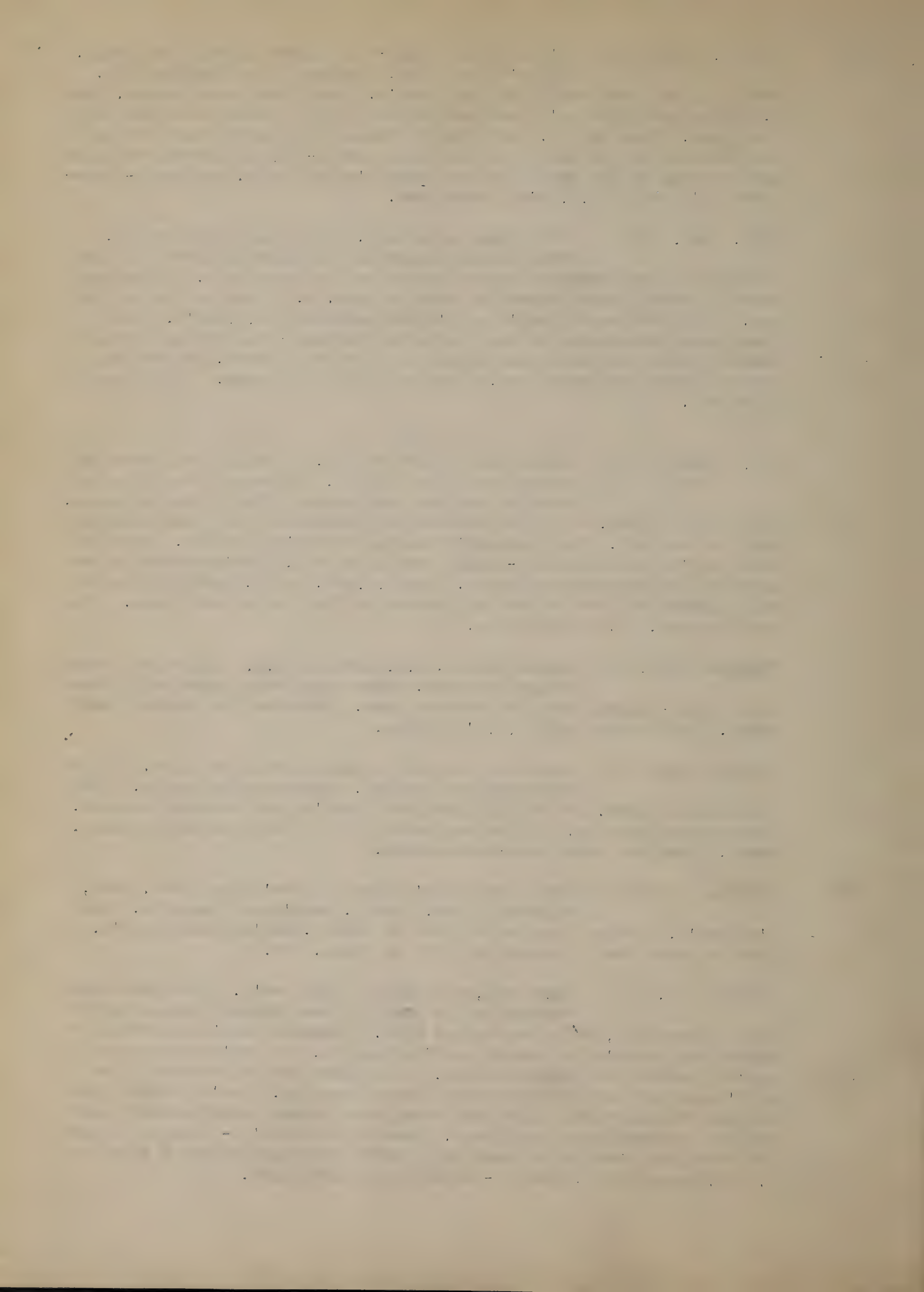
WED. AUGUST 24 Rainy, only moderately so. Plowing was prosecuted  
 1831 during a part of the day. We removed our household  
 effects from the dairy-house back to the old stand.  
 See first of June. Mr Wight took his departure for his friends in Mass  
 early in the day. Very unpleas't milking on acc't of flies. Went to  
 mill, bro't home flour &c - spent some time at D.Clark's reading a few  
 pages of Bolingbroke on History. Saw U.M.Rob. & Col.Merrill who were  
 well pleased to hear of the ill success of Clay in his own State. Dia-  
 damia & cous. Em. visited here.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25 Rained consid. A.M. hot, cldy P.M. All much pleased  
 to see the rain. Cider casks were taken out & rins-  
 ed in part - Myself busy in the usual way. Finished the removal above  
 named. Had trouble with S.H.B's cattle.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 Rains not yet over - thund & rain at night. Six bh  
 smutty wheat threshed. Removed whey spouts. 5 bhls  
 rye also threshed. On the 25th Adeline & Hopk's were conveyed to Acad.  
 Former sick this day. Mother was conveyed to Friday meeting by Mrs S.  
 Dewey. Cows fed with green-corn-stalks.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 Much more pleas't than for sev'l days past. Cool,  
 tolerably fair. Geo P. empl'd at fencing W. side  
 C's orch'd. Father & mother visited at capt P.Harw's & uncle Sam's.  
 That man came down & prescribed for the Chand. cow.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28 Very cool, expecially in the eve'g. Came near being  
 carried off to meeting, was the only person of the  
 family remaining, during service, at home. Perused Irving's Columbus, be-  
 sides some cahap's in Genesis on N's Flood &c. An eve'g meeting was  
 app'd & held at the meeting house. More money was solicited & a few  
 doll's dropped in for Mississippi Valley Donation. Rec'd a visit from  
 our old friend Horatio Clark who considered himself irretrievably seiz-  
 ed with consumption at the lungs. Came up in the m'g - I signed a pa-  
 per drawn for security of rent of a part of the old Chatfield place to  
 S. & H.Parsons pr T.Daniels - to first of April 1832.



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MONDAY, AUG. 29 Very pleas, cool, w'd N. Orch'd fence compl'td. In town P.M. - At Sanford & B's exchange 1 small syringe for another - buy 20" w'th buttons & silk which left for Miss Chamberlin to use for us in tailoring. Buy of F.B. & Co 28" w'th linen. At the former store saw Dr Potter of Pow. H. Waters getting better of sickness. H. Norton shod mare for mother.

TUESDAY, AUG. 30 Fair, quite warm, w'd S. Two & a half acres gr'd NW the barn sown with rye. Dairy business busied me as usual. Perus'd Columbus at night.

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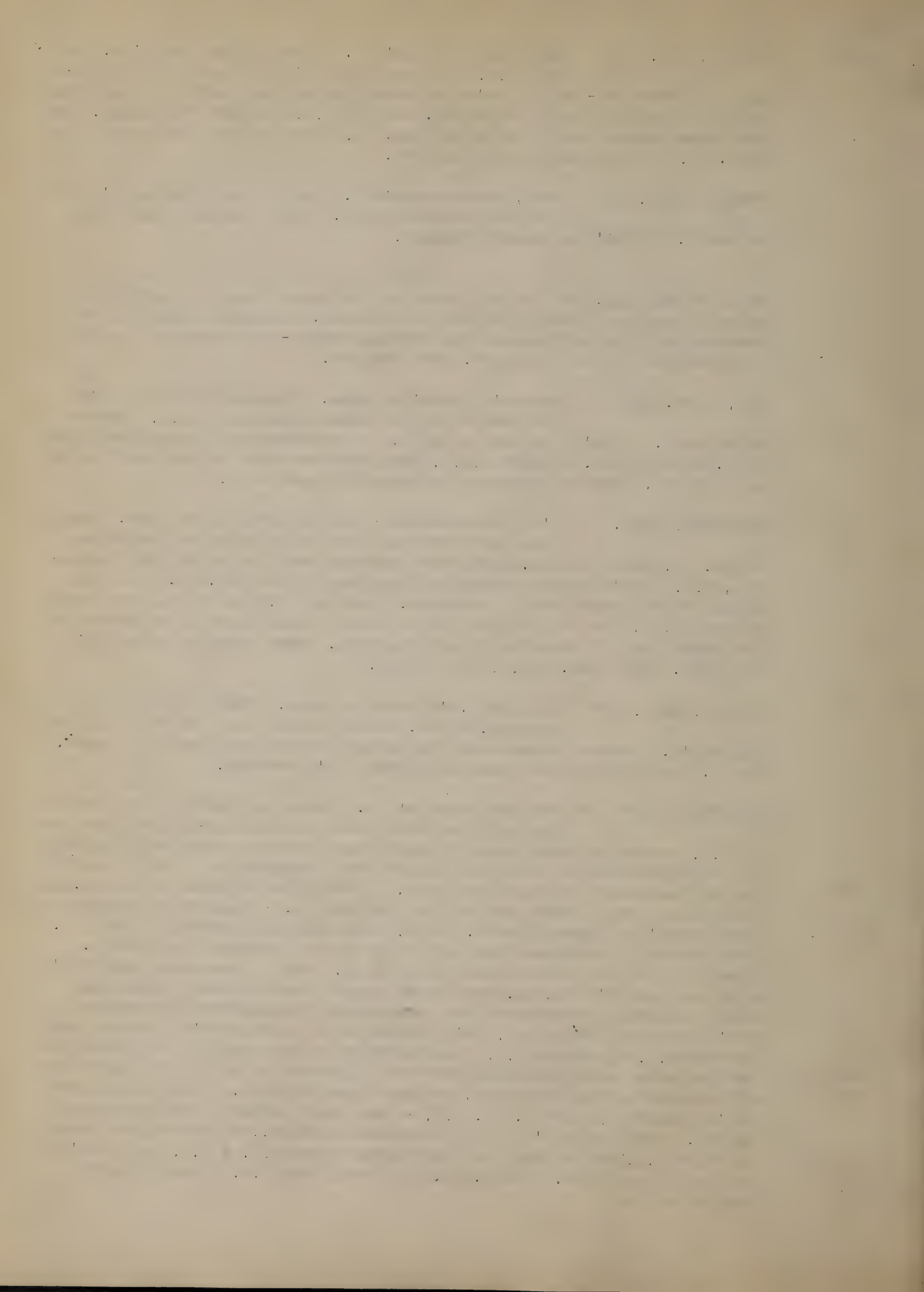
On Saturday, Aug. 20 died at Pownal at the house formerly occupied by Silas Watson, now owned by Reynolds Carpenter, Mr Austin Dimmick after enduring a lingering illness for several years - aged not far from 50 - eldest son of the late Capt. Abel Dimmick.

WED. AUG. 31 Contin'd pleas't & warm. Harrowed over rye gr'd followed by roller under guidance of G.P. Cheese doing well. Hopk's was sent to mill. Cornstalks were fed to cows - ver prop. we think too. Friend T.C.P. came here and said he had been to Hoo sick lately. Perused pages of Columbus in these days.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1 W'm faint weather - Corn stalks fed to cows. App's gathered & cid mill partially prepared for making cider. H. Palmer & cous. Em his wife arrived here in health from Hopkinton, N.Y. Sec'd 4 days Meeting at the Bennington Cong. Ch. this commenced - our ladies mostly attended. Paid off R. Moon in full for work in haying, \$1.58 - trusted the fellow with a small quantity of cheese at the same time for which never got anything. Very busy in these day's dairying. Mrs Dunc. & M.A. Waters here.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 2d Cldy, w'm S. w'd, began to rain. Family mostly off to meeting. Geo P. & self taking care of dairy & grinding app's. Moon's horses were frequently found within our inclosures. Mrs D. contin'd here in order to attend 4 D's Meeting.

SATURDAY, SEPT 3d Ver cool, cldy, w'd N. Dairy regulated by me cous GP Most of the family went to meeting - I was there also P.M. - heard a plain elderly man preach from some remarkable passage in Job which webt to show that God did not dispense his favors according to character in this life & c. Seated myself in one of the N. gallery pews - saw a first ate copy of the Holy B. - fine print, property of Henry Raym'd - Stereotype Ed. Mr M. Peters formerly Pastor of this Ch. very fervently addressed the meeting after the close of the Sermon. When service was ended walked up the Hill. Met & conversed some mom't with our old fr'd & cous. Loan Dewey chiefly on Religion - could not see & believe as many did - had perused his Bible pretty thoroughly too Vis'd printing office & D. Rob's where saw a Creed penn'd & subscribed by capt H.A. Fay, Albany, N.Y. Saw likewise a short acc't of all Religion in the Known World with handsome cuts illustrative of the various modes of Worship therein described. Returned home by dark. Mr Stiles & lady arr'd from Russell, St L. Co., N.Y. - left Doct Ashley & family in usual health. Challis Saff'd & lady from Enosburgh, Vt., vis Saratoga & Albany visiting H.G. Doty & family at the former - and H.A. & E.A. Fay & fam's at the latter place. Ira B. Dewe, Hen Dunn, Mary A.W., Palmer & wife lodged with us.



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SUNDAY, SEPT. 4 Cool & clear - w'd N. Mr Saff'd introduced morn'g worship by reading the 6th Chap of St John's Gospel followed by prayer from the mouth of our pios old friend Banister who was also among the guests of last evening - as likewise was cous. N.I. Rob All off to the Sanct'y excepting our sist L. who went too P.M. Convey's rouen to ~~hogs~~ cows - fed hogs &c. Then perused Hist. Col. first voyage to W. Indies. Maj L. Nort's cattle getting into the gr't past. accomp'd by Hopk's drove them home - talked with the Maj. upon the subject - promised all should be made right. Something was said respecting the present Revival &c. The Major amused himself in taking a bat which visited the kitchen, assisted by Hopkins. Mr Southworth came to tarry awhile with us.

MONDAY, SEPT. 5 Cldy, cool, w'd N. Father, mother, Mr Safford & lady went to U. Edgerton's Esq on a visit. Self & wife rode to Hoosick F's. By the way called on Mrs Martin and viewed her dairy which was very fair. Noticed a sort of drying up of fall pasturage which seemed to be very gen'l - owing in part to grasshoppers and partly to drought. Saw at S. Pars's his mother & lady - the last greatly opposed to Revivals - Sunday S's &c. Found Mrs Ruth P. & family in good health & spirits. Returned by 4 Corners - left word at Southw'h & Brown respectively the sale of our dairy. Came by Mr Poole's & saw their dairy from 24 cows - much inferior in weight & size to ours, but for neatness & its mellow quality far superior. This Dairy was kept on the farm formerly owned and occupied by James Clark - now the property of A. Harmon Jun'r - Supposed the dairy might weigh 3000 lbs - Mr Martin's say 6000 toto. Arrived here after dark. Friend W.S. Southw'h read a chapt'r of St John & prayed with us this evening. Had Romeo Moon's horse & Sam'l H. Brown's wagg. for father & mother in performing their ride.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6 Cool morn'g, warm day, some cldy. Attended the funeral of Mrs Lydia amiable consort of our cous. Stephen Harwood who was suddenly called off the stage of action on the evening of Sunday the 4th inst in her 44th year, leaving an infant babe, a disconsolate husband and a large family of children to bewail their bereavement. The case was really a most melancholy one. The minister who was first expected to preach the sermon, did not arrive. Mr Cady officiated very handsomely from Cor. 1st 15 C. 56 verse. Libeus Barney acted as one of the bearers. The remains were interred under the Red Oak under which uncle S. Harwood and others repose.

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The funeral was pretty numerously & respectably attended. Capt Perez Harwood was noticed among others who were there. Returned up St. in great haste solicited & rec'd some refreshm't at capt P. Dewey's after which attended Freeman's Meeting at the usual place. Had a ticket for Councillors &c &c prepared that differed from those published in the papers, selected from various sources by Judge S.R. Jed Dewey was very clearly chosen Rep. of the T. Col Merrill was the main candidate in opposition - rec'd my vote because his age & experience in Legislation seemed to point him out as the most proper person for that place - But had he been elected half the Jackson men in Verm't would have burnt off the buttons from their vests - so over joyed, so elated would they have



been. Cous. Geo P. assisted by Hopkins sold cider by the glass enough to amount to \$2.72. At home attended to cous. Palmer & other comp'y.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 Rath. warm, cldy from the S. Rouen given as usual to the cows - Cid. Mill regulated - many other affairs looked to. Commenced cutting up corn in C's Orch'd. Cous. H. Palmer & his wife after having paid us a very welcome and good visit took their departure for home - we should have been pleased to have had them continue their tarry several days (more), but they could not, consistently, as they had engaged to meet some friends at a stated time & place. So we bade them a hearty "Good Bye", & away they drove. Mr Saff'd & lady came up from fr'd Edgerton's, dined here & proceeded to the S. to pay respect to Granny Billings & others. Friend Southworth left us - had gained his health remarkably fast within a few days. Mr T. Daniels & family this day entered as tenants of the Chatfield Brick Shop.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8 Warm - some rainy. Rouen'd cows as heretofore. A Quantity of corn was draw off & set in bunches to dry this side C's orch'd. Mr Safford & lady arrived from Mrs B's. It was really a melancholy circumstance that the aged widow who had known been most familiarly acquainted with him from childhood to thirty y'rs of age, could now recollect nothing of him - no incident could be called up that could at all refresh his memory, being as great a stranger to her as if he had just arrived from a foreign country, which might have given him birth. Mr S. & lady, having seen most of their surviving friends in the S. p't of the Town, took final leave after dinner - intending to tarry the night at Mr Edg's. Mr S. was born in Hardwick, Ms 1771 - Mrs S. do in 1773.

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Were I nimble with the pen some Biographical sketches should here be offered respecting those personages and their connexions. I mean those of Mr S. & lady. Suffice it to say that Doct. Jonas Fay being formerly from Hardwick, Worcester Co., Ms., in Sept 1776 lost his first wife, the eldest daughter of capt. J. Fassett, and married widow Lydia Safford in the fall of 1777, bro't her from old Hardwick to Bennington immediately - when her son Challis, then little more than six yrs of age came up with (his mother) the rest of her family. I must postpone to another day the further prosecution of this design - only adding that the maiden name of that Christian woman was Warner, the name of a very respectable family in her native town - She lived to a very advanced age - Died in Ohio aged 88 - born in 1740 - Doct. F. was born in Jan 1737 - died at his brother David's, March 1818.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9 Cldy - rather cool. Potatoes were dug in C's orchd Bargained away our cheese to Southworth & Brown - the former was the person who negotiated the business - being a stranger offered to give good security for the pay. Cheese, such as might be dry enough, to be packed and deliv'd at Hoos. 4 Corners as soon as I might be in readiness - I agreed to furnish casks & receive \$6. pr hund. due first of Feb. 1832 - to pay \$150 if I should require it immediately with deduction of interest until time of final payment. Went immediately to Algiers & bespoke the making of 30 ch. casks from materials to be furnished by me. Engaged to Jac Lyon 5 or 5 bbls cider. Mother rode to meeting. Made settl't in part with Ed H. Swift on ctore concern - the



whole am't being as near as could be computed \$128.69 - Greatest Cr. to deduct, say \$7. or \$8. worth cheese - and some other articles. Owed to S & Br. & F.B. & Co \$18 more. At Lawyer Squires' enquired for seed wh't - did not know exactly whether he could sell any - his price \$1.50 - Sam'l H. Brown conditionally bargained for some. Saw Gov Tichenor there Engaged cider - 4 or 6 bbls to John S. Robinson.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 Ver w'm, tolerably fair. Basswood material being selected sent it round by the meeting house to Alg. pr Hopkins, while I crossed over fields & pastures on foot. But finding Moore not willing to do as he had agreed, made a short turn, steering down the New Road to (E) Dan'l Fuller's - leaving grist of Ind. corn at Walb's. Mr F. said the casks

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would be in readiness for me by Wednesday next - Got home with my cow team 9 in the evening. Found here our friend Wells & Mrs Parsons from Hoosick - Frame of the Austin & Booth store was this day raised - Uncle Sam'l Robinson rec'd some very injurious contusions about the head and shoulders at this raising by reason of the felling of some of the timbers. Wmt & said a few words to J. Murphy as he was coming up the N. Road. Geo. P. foll'd his plow.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11 Very fair - warm A.M. - cool P.M. - many ways to turn. T.C. Parsons, his lady, child & Mrs Wells were entertained here. Hopkins assisted in taking rouen to cows. Perused some parts of Holy Writ. Wells & Mrs P. drove away after supper. Some of the family attended evening meeting. Or W. & Sylv W. Daniels paid their respects to us.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12 Fair, quite cool. Drove up street. Wrote letter to W.E. Brayton to inform him of the sale of dairy - finding a line from him became alarmed not knowing but that he might have offered better terms than I had obtained of S. & Brown. On opening it was entirely contented - There was one mistake, he had just arrived from abroad and was informed by his son that a man whom he took to be me had been there to see him - regretted being absent - offered same terms as before with an offer of paying down \$160 without deduction of int. In my answer told him I had not been to his house since being there in June. Saw Hem. & J.S. Robinson. Took in H. Waters after he had taken dinner & bro't some for me also in his pocket, landed him at Hindsdell's. Bo't 1 bhl lime of S. Montague, which settled our cider concern - July 21. Visited Fuller's - casks to be finished by the time stated. Ret'd up to Walb's (store) mill - rec'd corn meal and discoursed a little time with Pet. A. Story - Called at Uncle Sam's - talked there a good while - uncle S. gaining better. Mr Joseph Norton blacksmith in Algiers, an old and respectable citizen of this town, departed this life this day in his 70th year.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13 Fair, cool - cold night. Up to my ears in dairy. Father threshes wheat. Geo. P., H & Tho's Kent drew corn which had been cut up lately in the big orch'd, and sat up the same in N. barn-yard. Remains of Mr J. Norton were buried. Mother paid visit to Diadamia.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14 Cldy, rained ver litt. Fairer P.M. w'd S. In the dairy early p't of the day. Wheat winn'd by fath. Reub K. gath's app's. Visi'd SH. Brown's store on some kind of business. At Hall's office saw A.H. Nurnham. Geo P. bro't from Fuller's 25 casks. Borr'd patent scale of Sanf'd & Brown - Casks weighed at night. A rough looking man pretending to be a tinker tarried here over night - said he had spent a consid-

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erable part of the Summer at the South. In Virg., Maryland & Delaware great quantities of grain were destroyed or partially ruined by great rains.

THURS. SEPT. 15 Rained most of the day. We casked most of the cheese sold to S. & Brown - weighed & marked. Adeline performed the latter. Mr Stiles & lady on ret'n tow'd St L Co., tarried all night.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16 Cool cldy - w'd N. Sent off 1 l'd cheese pr G.S. Harw'd to Hoos. 4 Cor's - Made an end of casking & weighing - found the aggregate am't to be 7753 lbs - no cheeses' 131 - Mr Stiles & wife departed this morning. Mr S. remarkably tall.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 Contin'd cool - Frost at night. Sent off another l'd of cheese. Sp't a part of the day assisting at washing wheat. P.M. waited upon Mr Hurd & lady who came too late to view dairy. Mr H. talked some of setting up the business next season. Mr H. suffered with sore eyes. Weather wore a melancholy aspect.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18 Frosty m'g - warm pleas day. Not much enjoyment, too much to attend to. Drew note for R. Moon against his brother Orr for 18 bbls Ind. corn. S'd Roma having wagon & harness to go over to Plattsburgh Petersburg - carr'd off l'd cheese - it being the wish of South. to have it all on the carpet by Monday morning 9 o'clock. Roma ret'd late in the day - stated that he would transp't the other l'd to Hoosick - but wanted the wagg. to go some beyond Troy perhaps might be absent 3 or 4 days - might have his wagg to use in its stead. Gave consent & he went off cheese & all. All hands of our family mostly visited church and heard preaching by Roosevelt. H. Wat's, Bates & S.W.D. vis. here.

MONDAY, SEPT. 19 Fair, but chilly. Rode to H.F. Corners. Made settl't with Southworth - pushed him for security - he was some cramped on this ground - referred his credit to Mr Raymer who assured me he should feel safe in trusting him to almost any am't but finally when Southworth came to request him to sign with him an obligation of \$465.18, Mr R. gave back under the plea that he had never done such a thing - had resolved not to, at the same time his faith in Mr S. was undiminished - S. said he did not blame him. Finally to quiet me and in a measure to be up to his word S. got his clerk, J.L. Raymer to get his name to it - mere sham I presume - but all passed off well - obligation due 1st of Feb 1832. Agreed to write respecting the \$150. They had a Reg. training there that day. Saw Loran Sherwood who stated thst his father contin'd dangerously ill. Likewise talked with Levi Hill Jr who ssid he worked



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Capt S. drank very litt. strong drink - related many particulars concerning the capt &c &c Ret'd & dined at H.Waters' - went to Algiers - bo't of Swift's 7 rennets at 0/9 on cr. Visited printing office. Geo P. plowed corn gr'd preparatory to sowing with wheat.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20 Very pleas't, pretty warm. Geo P. compleated plowing orch'd. Busy in various ways. Father along with Tom's & Reub Kent dug potatoes. Mother rode out among the people of the W. p't of the town. Sent \$5 by her to Ira B. Dewey towards payment of \$30 note given last April. Entertained a Mr Gilmore who bro't a letter for us from our aunt Lucy & uncle James Waterman, stating all were well. Mentioned Four Day's Meetings - 200 sat on the Anxious Seat. Cous. Ruth & husband had become members of a Baptist Church in their neighborhood. This Mr G. appeared to be pretty intelligent, particularly in regard to the value of cattle - found him ver entertaining in conversation. Tried to persuade him to tarry over night but his business would not admit of it

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21 Slightly cldy, chilly, w'd E. Orch'd sown with wheat P.M. attended to digging potatoes - Had R. Kent all day. There came here a wooden dish pedlar bearing the name of Winchel from the S. or SE - Traded some with him - settled the bill, but complaining of ill health staid through the day & all night.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 Heavy chill S. wind, rained some, expected a good deal more. Sowing wheat on corn patches was ended. Husking corn at the heap & gathering app's were severally pursued. Our pedlar went away. On Tuesday eve'g a Religious Meeting was held in our Dist which was pretty fully attended - Capt Hicks' made a prayer. Mr Roosevelt preached from Ezek 33d 11th - "God hath no pleasure in the death of the wicked" - Perhaps my quotation may not be exact - his discourse was pretty powerful. Barber of Irish Corner came up to see about attaching the wagon of R. Moon - could not fairly go on with it because I would not give consent - the property being left in my possession.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23 Rained most powerfully all day, very chilly. Employed ourselves at husking corn on barn floor. Mrs Sudan Dewey was here a p't of the day.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 Flying clds, chilly, w'd N.W. Digging potatoes was attended to. R. Moon's waggon was drawn away by Sylvanus W. Daniels by order of H. Blackmer the Constable who had attached it for Barber to whom Roma was indebted to am't of \$5. Reub. Kent worked 1/2 day.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25 Raw NE or SE damp chilly wind. Most of the family off to meeting. Rec'd the Comp'y of H. Waters, Thayer & young Dan'l Church. Fed cows with Rouen. Perused newspaper & Bible

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Rained smartly from S.E. or S. this morning. Hogs parted - hog pens repaired - apple bin at the cid. mill prepared - corn & wheat carri'd to mill by me & my wife. The latter paid a visit to J. Rog's while I had 3 lbs wool carded at Volentine's - p'd. It was my luck to ride up from top of Chatfield hill with Fenton the brother of him that owed me 35 cts which he said he would mention to him - See some day in last April.



M.A. Waters rode with Mrs Harw'd up S't. Forw'd letter to aunt Lucy W. Perused Columbus this evening. 11/1

TUES. SEPT. 27 Gr't rain from S.E. during the night & until ab't noon this day - Held up P.M. The old app. tree standing at the W. end of woodpile which had partially been blown over was this day wrought up for fuel. The old shop once stood near it. Father & G.P. executed the job afores'd. I was sent to mill, waited for grist, they took in 1'd of corn at 3/9, dark when arrived home. Saw Jon. Rog. & Horatio Stone in Alg., passed some jokes. Roma Moon made his appearance once more. Van Avery came with him - had been to Leyden, Black River, N.Y. with out wagg. & harness. Sylv. W. Dan's returned in the evening from attending a religious meeting at our Sch. house - Capt Hicks & Dr Swift being both present. For amusem't of S.W.D. played flute. Sent letter pr J. Rog. to S. & Brown not to pay over \$150 in mon.

WED. SEPT. 28 Gr't rains contin'd until ab't noon - P.M. cool & cldy. During A.M. business went on in the barn. P.M. app's were gathered. Went up street, for Mary Anne Waters with her money - settled a bill at Swift's & S's of \$1.78. Saw Gov Tichenor. Made some attempts to sell cider among the people of the Borough. Adeline Harw'd this day 15 years of age - so rainy they staid out of school this day - I meant to write - Adeline & Hopkins staid &c. Made sett'mt with Roma Moon who for use of wagg &c was bro't in debt \$5.49 exclusive of 4- 3/4 lbs pork.

THURS. SEPT. 29 Little rainy in the morning - proved a good day for business, tho' some chilly. By omitting to feed cows as usual with us only one day - 28th - made the difference in our estimation of from 8 to 10 pounds cheese less. App's were gathered in Litt. mead. & upper orch'd. Reub. Kent ' Lym Moon as well as his father assisted - Lym acted really lazy. I conveyed Adeline & Hopkins to Academy. Transacted business with John Hicks respecting cider & 1 h. harness. Bo't at L. Patchin & Co's 1 G. good L. oil for which paid in full 92 cts or 5/6. Saw uncle Sam'l and Saff'd Robinson there. Nathaniel Waters & his girl Miss Pratt arrived from Stockbridge this day. First Maj. Eaton address to the people U.S.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 30 Cold fly'g clds - cold in the eve'g - frost followed Digging potatoes was prosecuted - assisted by R. Moon & Reub. Kent - the latter became very uneasy - night not coming soon enough for him. Cheeseman came up to see R.M. - Looked some at the papers myself. Waters & his girl went to Cambridge, N.Y. - M.A. having gone there before their arrival here. The cows were plentifully served with Rouen this morning.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1 Hazy, S. wind, chilly. No more potat's to be dug in S. mead. Reub Kent in our service. R. Moon performed job called worth 25" and went off with Cheeseman & his wife. Betsey Street paid us visit. H. Waters, girl & Mary Anne got back from Cambridge, N.Y. Cheese made 30th Sept weighed 59 lbs - those of 27th & 28 weighed 50 apiece. Belgian war occupied our attention some at this time

SUNDAY, OCT. 2 Warm cldy, w'd gently S. Lightened at N.W. in the eve'g. Cous. N. Waters, his sister and Miss Pratt &



Adeline got home from Church at noon. Mrs Harw'd atten'd a part of the day. Dan's boys, B.R.Sears &c were here in the course of the day. Perused papers & 30 pages Columbus - excellent. Cows first admitted into Litt. mead. - turned out again say in 3 hours.

MONDAY, OCT. 3 Cldy m'g, bid fair for rain, wore away pleas't but in fact did at last come on powerfully, P.M. Potatoes in the Chatf'd garden were dug - not finished - left the business to get corn into the barn - succeeded pretty well too. R.Moon & his brother-in-law were much engaged in the reco'y of the old wagg. Reub. Kent worked the day for us. 300 lbs potatoes were obtained from the upper field.

TUES. OCT. 4 Chilly - rained a little - stormed in a way to make us suspect the coming of an E. storm. Completed digging potatoes in the Chatfield garden. Reub. Kent & Asa Daniels (not entirely to forget his sisters and younger brother) assisted all day - R.Moon 1/2 day - P.M. - had been off with James Van Avery, brother in law, to fix business respecting wagg. Moon had 2 old horses & 1 yearling colt, which he stabled most of the time in one of our stables - guests not so very welcome - although not kept on our hay - Mrs M. washed here. N.Waters & girl departed for home this m'g.

WED. OCT. 5 Rained seriously hard early - remainder of the day sour, cldy & chilly - not much rain - very unpleas't Husking corn main business. Reub Kent assisted - Saw Tho's and requested sett't in earnest terms. R.Moon put off his (~~spoiled horse~~) old Black Riv. mare for a poor thing which Norman Norton owned, which he rec'd together with a 1 h. wagg. Jas V. Avery attended the wagg. affair in which Rama was engaged, which ended in the debt being fairly settl'd by him. Spent evening looking up a/c with T. Kent

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Rough, chilly, few showers of rain - very homely. Some husking was performed. 42 bbls wint. app's gath'd - Roma M. & Reub Kent worked each a day. I was away - Met Dav Love this side Algiers - promised him 1 hhd cider - vis'd J.Harw'ds, then the Furnace, where st'd 2 hours - but could only market 2 bbls cid. to Brad Godfrey & Thayer. Got shoes mended at J Harwood's for 20 cts cr. At T.Hills eng'd 2 bbls cid. to be made late. Saw Hen. C.Germond about paying money. Bargained with Col Francis Brack enridge for 36 rennets at 1/0 - to be deliv'd next day. Paym't due first of Dec. ensuing.

FRIDAY, OCT. 7 Cold m'g - N.ehil winds - Hazy. Wint & sauce app's were gath'd. R.Moon & R.Kent rec'd each cr for 1 day's work - Geo & self made cid - 98 gall's were conveyed to Dewey's distillery. Wrote billet to Col Brack'ge about cows which we would sell him. Mrs Denio & her brother Abel's widow made short tarry here this P.M. - Capt P.Harwood & lady followed them late in the day - st'd only a very short time.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8 Damp chilly, S.wind. Cider was made by G.P. & R. Moon (~~made cider~~) One l'd corn in butts drawn in. 186 g's cid. conveyed to P.Dewey's Distillery. By coupling mare with



M's horse made out team with which convey'd away 3 bbls cid - 1 to J. Hicks & 2 to Godfrey & Thayer - Furnace - Had trouble becausr there commenced a fierce cold rain storm - Left end board and whip which were another day forw'd me. Most horribly dark through woods this side furnace. Took in Lyons' cid. casks - Algiers - Got home quite wet - Found here R.Moon, Ira B. Dewey & Sylv. W. Dan's. On the 6th inst. cows were pastured in N.Mead. - first time this season.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9 Gre atest rain known the pres't seas'n - very powerful in the morning - ceased but litt. all day. J.B Dewy, Or & S W Dan's & Henry Duncan were severally here this day. Got time to read but ver. litt in History of Columbus. Large cheese made. Cows showered milk pretty plentifully. R.Moon had big wagg. to go to Petersb'h - Returned at night - rain or no rain. No going to meeting from this h., weather so bad. Sun shone out before setting. I.B.D. wrote letter to his father.

MONDAY, OCT. 10 W'd changed to N.W. - rained moderately - but came very powerfully P.M. - cold chilling - catt. cringed badly. Something was done about cider - corn husked &c. stalks pitched up in barn. R.Moon assisted a little - but is mainly attentive to his visitrs at home. Hank Letcher & Ford.

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Had Tho's Kent in our service this day - Made settle't & called all even excepting 5 lbs cut nails which he had borrowed here a few months since. Notwithst'g the nature of the weather a few bhls app's were gath'd for cider.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11 Chill - wet, gloomy, some rainy. App's were gath'd. 279 g's cid. conveyed to P.Dewey's - Boys were empl'd in the orch'd - Gave Cr to Tho's & Reub K. each a day - Visited Alg. - Saw Erastus Montague who said he would purchase of us 2 hhds cid Bargained for 2 Rum hhds at J. & J.B.Nort's - contents 128 & 142 G's - conditionally agreed for another of 147 G's, yet in Troy - All new R. casks. Left gr at the mill. After getting back gallanted wife up S't. Bo't goods at Sanf'd & Br's amt'g to \$2.25 & at F.B. & Co 25", all on B'k. Paid short visit to uncle Sam's - None of the men at home - afterw'd saw cous. N.L.R. and fr'd Saff'd near Love's in the St. rec'd a few lively jokes. Roma's friends took their departure this morn'g for Petersb'gh - They were Letcher & Ford. Lent Road Scraper to Ed. the son of John Norton. Got home by dark - Bro't home Jour(1 of Health.

WEDStoOCTgr 12 Storm grew much colder, mount's white with snow. Rained until late in the morning. Father & Geo performed labor at threshing grain at the barn. The old fanning mill was partially put in order. This cold weath made us think of setting up stove - Visited Tin Factory & had 2 lbs pipe made for that purpose - price 36 cts. Cold unpleas't milking cows at night. Adeline & Hopkins attended Balld's Exhib. - staid at aunt D's. Deming proposed making me 2 doz pans of tin at \$5½ pr doz. Roma M. it seems got his affairs ready for clearing out. Sold his colt to Orr W.Dan's - rec'd rifle in part pay - Left us with a demand against him of at least \$3.00 - very wrong. - had rec'd many favors here.



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THURS. OCT. 13 Mild & fair A.M. aft big frost, cldy P.M., ver muddy  
App's gath'd in upp orch'd. Tho's & Reuben K. work  
ed 1 day a piece. Southw'h paid us a visit. Miss Delia Waters was also  
here on vis from Tuesday - R. Moon took final leave - some days since,  
took in his cow to keep in order to ascertain her quality - exchanged  
our Job Burt cow for that - giving him \$3 to boot - fine litt. cow.  
Contin'd keeping the Job cow for Roma to accommodate his family. He  
rec'd an old harness for \$2.75 - had cow pastured &c &c - so that by  
the time his wife & family cleared for good in a fair settl't he would  
have owed us perhaps \$4. Rec'd \$1. in full for 6 lbs butter sold Mrs  
Ayers. Read His. Columbus this evening.

FRID. OCT. 14 Mild, comft'ble wd S., few clds. Same bus con'd in S  
orch'd near Dairy house. Had assistance 1 day  
apiece from Orr W. Dan's & his brother,

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also Tho's & Reub Kent. Went off to mill. Rec'd letter from Col Brack  
enridge accomp'd by 40 rennets - 4 being thrown in to make up for size,  
Said he wanted to purchase a vow, would come up to look the next week.  
Called to see Dr N. Swift - gone to meeting. Proceeded down meeting-  
house hill - took in our cous. Loan Dewey who sociably rode to aunt Pol  
ly's - said much on Religion & other subjects. Near the mill saw Cogs'l  
Morgan who invited me to sign something tow'd build'g the new Method's  
Meetinghouse. Briefly made known our embarrassed circumstances - declin  
ing the invitation. Motague saw me & said he surely depended on having  
s'd cider. Lydia & Mary Anne Waters rode home with me from H. Waters'.  
Gave information that Dr N. Swift could have use of cid. mill first of  
next month week. S.W. Dan's here this eve'g - Too drowsy to enjoy well  
the pages of Irving. Chas Thomas a scholar of James Ballard applied  
for school in our Dist. - Referred him to Jewett

SAT. OCT. 15 Ver. mild, fine for business. Completed getting  
fruit in upper orch'd. Same hands performed same  
am't of labor. Tho's & Kent (Reub) rec'd 4 bhls app's, mostly for wint.  
at 25" team & cart furnished, with't charge to transport them to their  
house. Cous N.L. Rob. & his brother Heman gave consid. assistance in  
clearing orch'd - red'd & carr'd off some app's for family consumption.  
Nathan described some failures in good folks - was ver sorry he could  
not have been informed before hand of his father having signed Jail  
Bond for Horace Dimmick, who when he cleared for Cincinnati broke bond  
and threw a bill of upw'd of \$14.00 on to the shoulders of uncle S. Rob.  
which of course would be paid by cous. N.L. Orr's horse was entered to  
pasture.

SUND. OCT. 16 Ver. fine, w'm as summer. Finished reading 1st V. of  
Columbus. Folks of this house mostly at church -  
at lease  $\frac{1}{2}$  day - H. Waters & lady on visit. Were visited also by I.B.  
Dewey, Dan's boys, Benj R. Sears and H. Tuttle Esq. Henry Kellogg was  
published to Miss Ann, only surviving child of James Hubbell Esq., marr'd  
this eve'g. Geo & others attended eve'g meeting. Cows were suff'd to  
feed in the upp. orch'd - found so many apples of which they ate so  
greedily as to nearly kill one or two - and there were 4 or 5 totally  
dry a day or two - did not get regular again for nearly a week.



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Monday, Oct. 17 Remarkably fine & warm. Business was going on well excepting the mistake about the cows - made us feel very cheap. Husking corn at the heap employ'd hands - gave 1 day cr. a piece to Or.W.Daniels and to Reub Kent. Bright moonlight in the eve'g improved by me &

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going to grist mill to get grist wh't fl'r. Bo't 1 lb tea at Sanford & B's on cr. Boys hunted skinks, found none. Sylv W.D. made cid for Dr Swift. Rec'd letter from Ell't C.Hills requesting 3 bbls cider. At the store of Sanf'd & Br heard Gov T. relate anecdotes of what he had seen in & about Washington City - about Members of Congress at a certain public house drinking app.Tod. - related the manner in which it was made, but I cannot touch it.

TUES. OCT. 18 Contin'd ver warm until late in the day, then blew N.W.w'd, rained & grew cool. Gath'g fr't - husking corn & pack'g corn stalks in barn made up employm't for the day. Gave cr. 1 day a piece to Or D's & R.K't, 3/4 do to Asa Daniels. Sold on cr to Benj R.Sears 10 bu sweet app's, carried away by his brother Charles. Sent pr Geo P. to H.Waters 27 bbls app's of various kinds, all at 1/6. Rec'd in St several cid casks to fill. Wrote to E.C.Hills that I would engage no more cid at pres't. Made an unsuccessful journey to oil and grist mills to buy stuff to feed cows on in order to restore those to milk which had dried up since Sunday. Hopkins was with me. Lydia made visit at H.Waters' - M.A.Waters had employm't at V.D.Spiegels. Mrs Moon performed a wahing here tow'd her husb's debt. In the eve'g we stored 1 l'd ears of Ind. corn & filled leach tub with ashes - or to say the fact to correct mistake - emptied it of old ashes.

WED. OCT. 19 Cldy, dull, w'd N. Completed gather'g fruit for pres season. Geo Harw'd went with spike team, bro't away casks (5) from Fuller's - 320 bricks, 3 bbls lime from Hinsdill's & 6 bh same from Judge S.Rob's - all except casks for Hiram Waters. Also went to Bracy's and recov'd possession of scythe and lent to R.Moon, which he had dishonestly put off as his own. Asa Dan's & Reub Kent worked 1 day a piece. Adeline sick & could not go to school. Marched up street to take care of my Bank note - out this day - Saw pass a very numerous drove of cattle belonging to Reynolds Carpenter & Niles'. Saw Ed H. Swift to whom gave note for \$150.00 - rec'd a check on B'k for same amt - carr'd it to Bank - cashier absent - waited in post office until out of patience - left note with Asahel Hyde - Dep. P.M. to negotiate business for me - See July 19 - W.Haswell was there a short time - him & himself satisfied themselves they had lost no money.

THURS. OCT. 20 Fine and some chilly. No extra hands employed. Father & Geo capp'd stack with straw. S.W.Dan's ended bus. making cider for Dr N.Swift - rather exceeding 24 bbls - which including straw furnished by us, induced me to charge use of cid. mill for making 25 bbls at 0/6. I transacted bus. in St & Algiers. Hen.Nort repaired wagg for 50" - cr. J.B.Norton very sick - saw hhds intended for me & bo't 1 1/2 bush'l bask't charged there at 67" - cr.



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John Hicks promised to have harness done next week - likewise said he would take another bbl of cider. Five or six more promised to J. Loomis Jun. John S. Rob. would receive his on Sat. next. This evening made welcome our much respected & tried friend, J. Ambrose Wight - direct from N.Y. and Long Island where left his mother and other relatives in good health. See Aug. 24.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21 White frost. Really fine - small deg. of smoke. Making & carrying off cider employed Geo P. & Orr W. Daniels - the horse of the latter was also in our service. Four bbls & 7 g's cider were deliv'd to D. Love - 2 bbls to John Hicks - 2 to Sam'l Chandler who in the morn'g paid us a visit - send him a 3d bbl cider which went on Orr W. Dan's acc't. Henry H. Fass<sup>st</sup> sent down 2 casks to be fill'd with cider. We finished off husking corn completely. S.H. Brown commenced digging potatoes on the Fay farm. Mr Wight was off early this morning to look up school.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 Contin'd yet warm - flying clds from S. Fine evenings too in these days. Orren worked 1/2 day only Jacob Lyon rec'd his cid pr cous G.P. - Garden cleared of beans. I went up street with cider - deliv'd 1 bbl cider to J.S. Rob who was puzzled to recognize his own cask - Deliv'd another to D. Love - Hall agreed for 3 or 4 bbls cid. Sent Hopkins home with the team (oxen & cart). At Sanford & Brown's bo't 3 lbs sug & 3 yds braid on cr. - had credited for ledlars use of wagg 50 cents - he having broken down in our neighbor'd with load quinces from Conn - being an acquaintance of theirs - they procured for him the use of s'd wagg a few days while his was under repair James Van Avery had a high dispute this eve'g with Mrs Moon - Cheeseman & c were there - could hear their voices all over the Valley. S.H. Brown came over to see if some way could not be devised to secure a cow which was likely to fall into Moon's hands - B. having quite a demand upon that man of bad faith. This was the night allotted for departure of the Moons - V. Avery pit in a claim - Orr W. Daniels was the person selected to perform the unpleas't task, but finding difficulties to encounter on every side - gave up the contract. Rec'd 2 new wood bound N.E. hhds pr G.P. from J. & J.B. Norton's (making up in full 3 hhd - the other) at \$1.75 a piece.

SUNDAY, OCT. 23 Sft S.w'd light clds - Dry & pleas't. Much business had to be attended to. P.M. got time to write a few lines. Cous Henry Parsons & his intended - Chapin & sist. Annis p'd visit here. I.B. Dewey, N.L. Rob., & S.W. Daniels came here. H. Waters, Brooks & Tuttle came also - The former

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measured out 163 feet butternut  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch boards to be sold to him for fair price - the sum of which he could not tell. Father, Mother, Lyd. Sall. & Geo P. were all at church. Mr Dan's had oxen & cart through press of necessity to transp't potatoes from Eunice Jewett's. I entered my 44th year this day - an ignorant clumsy being.

MONDAY, OCT. 24 Great storm of rain raised by furious gale from S. lasting from 9 A.M. till 3 P.M. - calmed away until night. Boys up litt. past midnight making cider that they might gain



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time to view Caravan of Animals at G.S.Brannack's - principal of which was the Rhinoceros. Employed Or. & horse through the day - Mr Wight gave some assistance. I conveyed to H.Waters s'd butternut boards, 8 in number. Went to J.Hicks' & made known that we had shoats to sell. Returned to H.Waters', waited long or some time for rain to cease - finding there was no other way came home in rain - but did not get much wet because an open hhd turned down served as a cover. Rain being over boys went up with 2 lds of cider. Orr & Hopkins saw Caravan. Returned with more empty casks.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25 Chilly m'g but good day for business. Making cider was contin'd. Or Dan's & horse in our emply't. I was in St't conveying mother to H.W's and child'n on their way to school at Acad. Solicited my cid. customers to prepare casks ready to forward. Saw Dunnehue of Cambridge & heard him make some pretty queer observations - Man totally crazy. Rec'd from J.Robinson tow'd cider \$4 - guess I had it in printing Off or say Reading Room. Promised 3 bbls cider to D Clark. Got home about noon. Early P.M. Aaron Potter came with his officer - Myers of Pow'l - served an attachment on a horse in Orr's possession which early this month said Orr had procured of Potter by letting him have another - at the same time selling him a sleigh for which he was to have a certain stack of hay. The last was attached and I receipted the whole to s'd officer. Two casks of cider were carried off to E.Montague's - 109 & 84 g's. Hopkins had at Sanf'd & B's, Geo & Atlass - chgd 7/0. Wight went to Shaftsbury. Potter complained of fraud on the part of Or Daniels. Caravan off to Pow'l very early this morning.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 Hazy chilly cldy - severe high S.wind. Cider is made by Geo & Orr - Two l'ds conveyed up St't. Uel Hicks bo't 1 bbl cider & let us have 10 bbls app's tow'd abother - rec'd his 2 bbls cider & paid in full \$1.25. Mrs Moon hearing intelligence from her husband, suspended her suit with Orr W.Dan's. The 128 G.hhd was filled in our big house cellar. Henry Fassett bargained for 2 shoats. Annis H. Parsons came here.

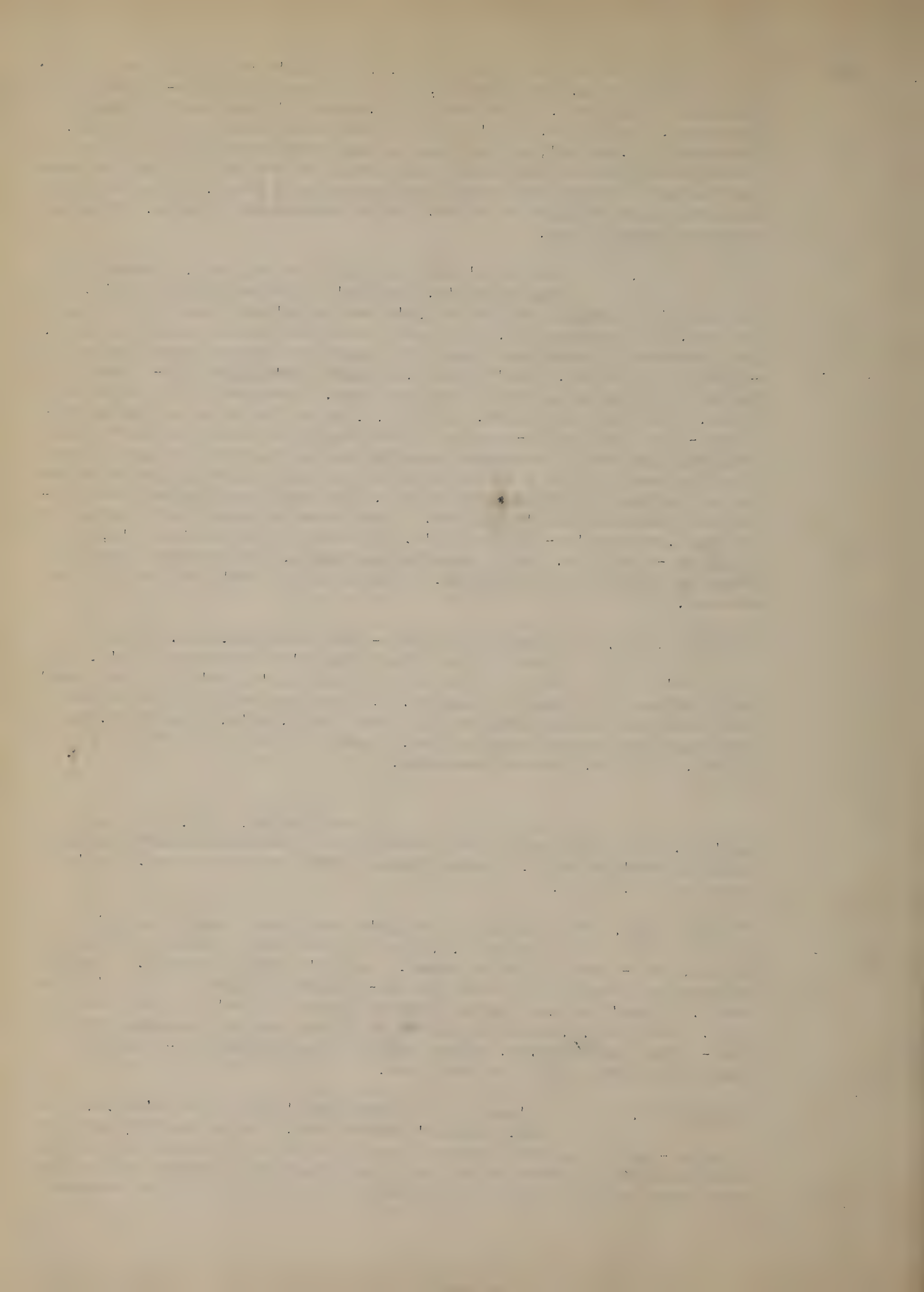
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Sam'l H.Brown came over in the evening and talked over business respecting Mrs Moon's affairs. Sidney Dimmick finally had that cow. Orr's horse had cr. 1 day.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27 Soft weath contin'd until past noon - then w'd changed N.W.,blew up furiously, rained awhile - chilly,cldy - ver litt rain ensued. Contin'd cider business. Kitchen stairs taken away at the lower house - Filled hhd there of 142 g's with cider. Or Dan's worked for us  $\frac{1}{2}$  day and made settlem't in full with Mrs Moon. Sold to H.H.Fassett 2 shoats at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cts per lb, weighing 90 & 83 lbs - amounting to \$6.05. Wight arrived from Shaftsbury - going to take the central school in that town.

FRIDAY, OCT. 28 Gr'd slightly frozen morn'g cld chill w'd N.W. Hazy sky. Contin'd making cid. Cr Orr day for himself & horse - Early visited Algiers - seeing Montague informed him he could have the quantity which he had solicited which much pleased him, but was very sorry I did not store his cider for him as was talked of between



him & me.- excused myself by telling him my father absolutely refused to suffer it to be done - telling me if I had seen as much trouble in that way as he had I would never have agreed to do so. Bo't of Turner Hills & Co 1 light calf skin - suitable for womens shoes for \$1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$  cr. Bo't new hhd for T.Hills of J.& J.B.Norton - assisted boy at Norton's in emptying the 147 G. hhd of rum to have it in readiness for my man when I should send him for it. They had drawn out the contents of this cask down to ab't 12 g's or less within 10 or 12 days. Promised to Jon Pratt 1 bbl old cider for vinegar - with this thing I had trouble - dont want the fuss of writing it - was afterw'd sent to him & he paid in full \$1.25. Orr made blunder about bringing up hhds from Algiers - it however made no material difference - only occasioned another journey for it. Mr Wight assisted some in making cider. Mrs Moon cleared with family effects, Job cow & all. Miss M. Anne Waters was this day 26 years of age.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29 Heavy frost - chill w'd - fair except'g yel haze.

Northern Lights were seen in the evening. Sent to T.Hills hhd cider - meas'g 122 g's at \$1 per bbl, amt'd to \$3.81. Pratt had his cid by the same conveyance. Many minor jobs were attended to. Wight killed chickens. I went up St - Hopkins was sent to mill. H.Waters' folks had got their new stove in successful operation. Say awhile in the

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Bennington B.Store where saw Vol Merrill, Dan'l Fuller, Enos Rudd, J.S. Robinson, the last paid me in full \$1.25 At Fassett's made settlem't for 4 bbls cider one of which he complained of as being of poorer quality than the others - he gave me some of it to drink - could perceive nothing bad in it - assured him I would make it good if it proved to be not what it ought - so gave me his note for \$11.71 to be (p'd) due one day after date. Came home and passed away an eve'g ver agreeably. Mr Wight S.W.Daniels & cous. Heman Robinson were present, the last was much engaged respecting his intended journey to his uncle Ben's, Fayetteville, N C., with whom meant to pursue study of Physic. Rec'd 2 doz milk pans from Norton's on Cr. on O.W.Daniels a/c \$4.00, payable in cider.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 Pleas - Strong N.W. w'd P.M. Chilly evening. Family mostly at church, excepting fath., moth. and self.

the m'g was poorly. Was thought by fath. much to resemble the same day of the month 1768 when his brother Asa was born - the man died if I am correct in June 1828. Improved a part of the day in perusing Voyages of Columbus. Benj. R.Sears was a guest here. Sylv's W.Daniels returned from Algiers and stated that he saw Erastus Montague baptized preparatory to joining the Methodist Church. Wight and others went to eve'g meeting.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 Rainy, misty, muddy weather. The last app cheese was ground and laid up. A company concern - We put in 64 - Orr 23 bbls app's - Managed by Geo & Dan's in Co. I was in dairy affairs fixing for accommodations in making butter. Rec'd \$25.00 on horse note of Henry C. Gorman. I wanted the whole, but he could not very well meet it at this time. Wight worked for us. Late in the day Geo. conveyed 2 bbls cider to D.Clark and I do to Benj. R. Sears.



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TUESDAY, NOV. 1 Tolerably fair and comft. The very last of our apples were ground up being such as were selected from wint. fruit &c. Sally Harwood wound up making cheese for the season - having pursued it without intermission ever since the 16th of last Apl. Made 1 a day excepting a few of the first. Made preparation for going to Troy. Borrowed or hired of Ed H. Swift \$20., gave note. Borr'd \$5 more of Sam'l H. Brown, or say Sanf'd & Brown. Came home in season to go to Hoosick F's with my lady, who had previously disposed of all her cheese concerns - arrived at Henry Parsons' after dark, found all in health including our friend T.C. Girls had comp'y - cous. H. played Bass V'l., Wells, Finch, burtis - boarders.

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S. wind prevailed, rained some P.M. Drove across hills west of Hoosick entered Troy road at the old Haskin store - Arrived in Troy from 12 to 1 P.M. Paid & took up \$5 note at O. & A. Arnolds. Put up at E. Waters', dined there - Saw uncle S. Rob & cous Heman. Visited cous. Samuel's auction store, and heard the old auctioneer relate how he was carr'd by the British to Savannah from N. York, was there while the French and Americans made their united attack on the place, 1779, was present at the 2d Battle of Camden &c. Failed here of purchasing a loose coat which cous. Sam. had selected for me - was struck off when I was not present. We ran or walked up and down the str's of Troy, without at last purchasing near all the articles wanted

THURSDAY, NOV. 3d Cool, what you might call a Nov. day. Were occupied until past noon compleating purchases, the principal establishments visited were those of J. & R. Houghton, Van Buskirk & O.C. Hull - Henry Dexter officiated as clerk at V.B's - E. Waters Jr at O.C. H's - traded to amt 4 or 5 doll's at Arnold's - p'd. J.V. Powelson did not seem to be prepared for doing much business. Cash paid out, including \$2.10 for G.P. Harwood, amt'd to \$14.15. Rec'd ever attention we could wish at capt. W's - Mr & Mrs Kendrick were very friendly, for which I was not backward in promising due returns as they would exact no pay. At Benton's there was 2 bbls coarse Liv. salt - 4 do L. Isl'd and sack fine Liverpool at Arnold's which I was anxious to have bro't up to Hoos Cor's. Left Troy past 1 p.m., came up road 3 or 4 miles, hailing teams occasionally to know if they were from Hoosick - at last met a man who called his name Barber and said he resided not a great way from H. Cor's & would transp't my salt for usual compensation - gave him a bill goods rec'd of Arnold's in July last, as a token in lieu of an order which I had no chance to write - left him and coming on a few miles farther met Orr & Syv W Daniels in 3 horse wagg. bound to Troy - gave them some instruction with reference to my business in T., bade them good-bye and came on. Our poor beast appeared to suffer much from heaves. We ret'd by the same way we took in going out - had about 8 miles to drive after sun-set - and in a certain place where another road blidly led off from S. in a piece of woods - a few words of discord were exchanged on acc't of keeping that road a few rods too far - All this however was soon over & we in safety arrived at cous. H. Pars. where all was life & activity. Wells & other boarders present. Played flute with cous. Henry. They informed us that the new Factory was 100 ft long - Late bed-time when we retired.



FRIDAY, NOV. 4th Fair frosty morning, rained late P.M. & in the eve'g  
Were early on the wing - Called on Mr Southworth, i  
informed him respecting my salt, Got leave to deliver Cheese on Sat'y -  
Arrived here by noon - Borr'd of Sanf'd & Brown scales for weighing  
cheese. Weighed & casked 31 cheeses - 4 only made in Oct - filled 5  
casks, weighing lbs 1537. When at S & B's handed back to Doct N. Swift  
\$12 of that money hired on the 1st inst. During our absence Merritt  
Green, 2d son of the late Will'd Green, who had been ill only a few days,  
died in his year. Capt L. Sherwood & members of his family were  
sorely afflicted with sickness. The death of Mr G. occurred on 2d inst

SATURDAY, NOV. 5 Fair, cold searching w'd from N.W. Started off with  
cheese in waggon drawn by oxen. Waited in street  
sometime for Son who was at Acad. He was at length liberated & accomp'd  
me. Saw collection of people at Map. Meeting House. Spoke with Doct.  
P.M. Armstrong who said there was a Religious Conferenxe there. Deliv'd  
cheese in safety - shew'd bill of it to Southworth who reckoned up &  
gave note for \$94. - on looking at it saw that it was too high - handed  
it back - he went over it 2d time & made it out right, \$92.22 - due First  
Feb. 1832. He spoke with me about pay, offered if I would deduct \$10.  
to pay me now - I chose not to do so - he said the money would be paid  
sooner than the time agreed on. I now grew troubled about the salt -  
nothing had been seen or heard of it - nor did they know the person  
whom I had entrusted with the concern - conjectured a good many things  
in a few mom'ts - Commenced writing to Arnolds - and finally just as I  
was about to depart a man drove up having on board the very article -  
and would have handed back my bill sent for taking, but I was too much  
elated with the luck of having the goods in season to think of that, nor  
did I think to request his name, not being the person authorized by me -  
was sorry not to have taken s'd Bill as I had saved nearly all I had  
ever rec'd of that firm. Paid the man his price for transp., \$1.37½ &  
came off very well satisfied. Came home in the evening - leaving Troy  
teams at line hill in rear. Mr Loan Dewey died this day, in his 68th yr  
Cows gave such quantity of milk that we could not profitably store it  
in pans for making butter, so it was this day made into a 52 lb cheese.  
S'd animals now ran in the S. mead. which had been fed off very little.  
Mr Wight got back from Shaftsbury - spent Sunday here.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6 Cold, fair, w'd N. All to Church excepting self & M.  
A. Waters. Preach'g by Doct. Griffin. Several new  
members were added to the Cong. Ch in Benning'n, O.C. Merrill, John Vail,  
Mrs Kent &c.

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MONDAY, NOV. 6 Chilling N. wind, scattering cl'ds. With father attend  
ed the funeral of our friend L. Dewey. Mr Tisdill  
or Teasedale preached, and very earnestly too, from Ezek. 33d 11th V.  
Those present not numerous. Gov. T. who said he was 78 was there, like-  
wise Stebbins & Charles Walbridge & others. Our cous Loan was the eld-  
est of the children of the Rev'd Jed. Dewey by his 2d wife & was born  
in this town in 1764. Came home and assisted in setting up ~~working~~-  
cooking stove which had been out of kitchen ever since last June. Fitted  
her up pretty smartly. Chandler fixed back fire plate. Geo P. procur-  
ed new crock & 4 g'l pot at Maj. L. Norton's both for \$1.50. We had bot



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another crock of F.B. & Co which proved to be too small & was returned. Borrowed shop stove of H. Waters, set up same in our big Dairy room. J.A. Wight wanted \$10 for 6 months - I drew a note for that sum due 1 day from date (5th) to N. Swift or bearer which he exchanged for the money - Gave me his note for the same sum due 6 mo's from date.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8 Frosty m'g, fair & cool, w'd N. Rode out with Mrs Harw'd - Borr'd \$3 of F.B. & Co - Paid \$1 tow'd borrowed to Sanf'd & Br where we traded to some am't. Conveyed 3 bbls apples to Montague's, saw his wife who appeared much gratified at seeing us there - promised a regular visit on a future occasion - steered for Algiers by way of New Road. Saw & spoke with Mrs Ayers. Also Horatio Clark who appeared better in health than he did a few weeks since - said his sick daughter had considerably recov'd & gone to Dr Lyman's in Troy Left wife at J. Rog's - carried wheat to mill - attended to getting shoes mended at John Harwood's - paid James tow'ds acc't \$1. Saw Davis a soldier of the War of 1812, the brother in law of J. Harw'd - Returned to mill - rec'd grist - took in wife at J.R's and made for home. Saw Dav Love above Chatfield garden & rec'd from him tow'd cider \$2. in fair money.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9 Frosty m'g - S.w'd & clds, growing mild. Weighed out 29 cheeses which were bro't over to the big house & deposited in ch cupboard for winter - 1888 lbs - had on hand enough to make it up to 1400 besides the potted (in July) As near as could be estimated had made since April 16 - 196 cheeses - computed the whole at 10913 lbs - of which had sold enough to am't to \$563.49. Leach tub filled - stones gathered up & carried out of yards - Father built wall - Sent Hopkins to Algiers with bill of cider deliv'd to Jacob Lyon rec'd pay in full \$5.38 - Sent a few app's to Mont'e

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to make up good measure - the first carr'd having a small proportion of rot in them. Hopkins ret'd with 5 gs molasses &  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb Allum which I sent order for to Sanf'd & Brown. Rec'd line from the cl'k J.S. Merrill accomp'g the articles. Mary Ann Waters ret'd from town & said Capt P. Dewey was dangerously ill. Wight very lively this eve'g. Some cats were killed. I looked over books to find acc't of dairy sales - Made out nothing very accurate.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10 Black, chilly, w'd S. piercingly chilly. Old rails were gath'd up & housed. Father applied himself very closely to building wall - S. side lane just below the house. Rode to Alg. - saw & conversed good while with E. Montague - who app'd to think of the \$6.75 due me for app's and cider - Receipted my bill at Lyons' - saw Sam Thayer Jun'r & others there. At F.B. & Co's bo't small article, got home before dark. Was overtaken by Mr Daniel Fuller this side Mr Sanford's & paid him in full for cheese casks - or for making them, \$4.50 Mr Wight was among our people very lively. Diadamia, cous. Emily & H. Wat's & puppy were visiting us at this time. Dairy room was smoky. Rec'd friendly visit from fr'd Levi Jewett, to consult about hiring a school teacher. Said the am't of dairy which he sold to Hosford was 2600 - at \$6.30 deliv'd in Troy with cot of casks. Perused litt. of Columbus this eve'g.



FRIDAY, NOV. 11 Rained in the morning from S. w'd changed to N.W. remained unpleas't through the day - not ver cold. Well completed - Milking yard scraped with hoes. Sam'l H. Brown was about to have his corn saved. Friend Wight remained among us. L. Jewett paid us long eve'g visit abd informed us of having nearly compleated a bargain with Miss Ruth Hurd to teach school in Dist. No. 2 during the present season. I approv'd of the scheme. Thos Kent, assisted by his cous. butchered & dressed his fatted hog here, weighing, as near as we could come at it, 186 lbs. Hopkins was ill. Or W. Daniels killed a large owl while hunting in the woods. Late in the evening overhauled cheese, doing well too.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12 Real black Nov. day, yet not very cold. Seven lds manure got out into S. mead. by father & Geo. Rode up St. bargained to H. Hall large fatted hog - at 5½ cts pr - effected no more sales and came home - Dined - Took seat with Sylv's W. Daniels in B Harwood's wagg. rode direct to Boltw'd Wright's Pownal - to be present at the trial of the horse cause between Aaron Potter, Plaintiff, and Orr W. Daniels, Def't. Good while before parties were ready. Stood in Bar R until invited by Mr W. into the dining room. Took up the N.Y. Observer of 6th inst in which first saw acc't

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of the Fall of Warsaw - Family dine - Mr W. asks blessing. U.M. Rob. join ed them at table - Before dinner was fairly over old Mrs Buck came in - staid awhile - questioned Mrs W. on the subject of Religion - to which she replied in the usual way - that she could not of herself become Religious &c. While examining contents of paper saw an article setting forth the doings of the infamous rogue who procured the death of Mr Chapman of Andalusia - a small place 2 miles back of the Delaware, Pa. - was intimate with & finally clandestinely married the widow in N.Y. a short time after the death of her husb'd. At length suspicion rose so high as to cause the remains of Mr C. to be dug up, which though it was a number of weeks since interment - the body had undergone very little alteration. A Council of Physicians had been called and they had sp't much time in examining the stomach of s'd Chapman - but had made no report - Meantime the villan who broke out, or his time had expired at the Penitentiary in Philadelphia previous to his committing the foul deed, was making a great display of his riches in Baltimore, Washington, N.York & lastly in Boston, having made considerable hauls out of Mr C's property - While thus engaged and as he was ready in a most flaunting superb costly dress, and too, just as he was about to get hold of a large sum of money by one of his curious roughish schemes, I say just as he was ready to attend a grand Ball, he was arrested by the proper authority & conveyed to a place of safety. There was much more of this story which I have no time to notice farther. Good deal of company in Bar Room, few were of my acquaintance. At last walked over to B.W's office where they were busy with an affair between Will'd Bates & David Gardner, which was put over to a future day - to have a jury - Major B. made many queer remarks during the time the officer was naming over the Jurors. Then came on Horse cause - Boltw'd Wright, Just. Peace. U.M. Rob Esq & Judge Sylvanus Danforth for plaintiff - H. Hall for Def't. I shall not attempt to give any particulars. Winesses for plaintiff were Willis Potter son of A.P., Stephen Burleson & Stephen Evans. Those on the part of Def't were J.F. Billing, Eli Carpenter Jun & Sam'l Duncan - examina- of these being ended - U.M. Rob. very fervently addressed the court to



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make out a warranty of the goodness of the horse which Deft sold to Plaintiff, saying it was clear to him that Mr D. had endeav'd to defraud Mr P. &c., - was followed by H. Hall who spoke firmly & very confidently for Deft. Syl Danforth made the closing plea on the other in a very earnest terms

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About 7 in the eve'g Court cleared the office, calling to his assistance Mr Getty & Jo Parkway, and after a short time, declared that Plaintiff had failed to support his action. So Mr P. had the burden piled on his own shoulders - so much for going to Law in Horse Jockey business. During the trial old Mr Potter was present - also Mr Till'n Daniels. Must mention seeing John Wright Esq of Champlain memory, he being a boy of 16 in the Militia of Vt at Burlington & Plattsburgh, 1812, self being also of the same comp'y under capt Sam'l Cross, Col Martindale's Reg't. Sam'l Wright, Rep. of Pownal, arrived from Montpelier, bro't discouraging news from Jed Dewey who was ill of fever there. Rep. of Bennington. Legislature adjour'd on Thursday m'g last at 6 o'clock. Sat awhile in B. Room after trial & talked over dairy concerns and droving business with our old friend Eli Carpenter. Mr Daniels after purchasing some clams of Jonas Billing - rode home with me - his sons Orr & Sylv's riding in another by themselves. Arrived here by 9 in the evening.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13 Not pleas., nor much the other way. At Cong. meeting house they had nompredaching - few attended from this house. Some writing being essentially necessary to the welfare of H. Waters, was executed by me. Mr Wight ill with Big Cold - talked & walked & kept his bed by turns. His observations were queer enough. Orr & S.W. Daniels said Lydia Morgan was this day plunged in Baptist style - they tho't the performance was clumsily executed - Indeed we may presume from the vast size of the lady, it would be no easy matter to get along with. New Baptist bell sounded very meanly. Ira B. Dewey paid us a visit.

MONDAY, NOV. 14 Frowning N. wind - many showers of round snow descended upon us. Wild geese were seen flying to the S. We spent chief part of the day hoeing up & scraping together heaps of manure in the lower milking yard. Wrote Jour'l this evening.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 Blue Nov. day. Geo P. drew hay from A. Potter's Pow'l for Orr W. Dan's - Mr P. seemed very little reconciled to his fate - Visited Printing Office - saw Wm Haswell to whom endeavored to sell pork, but he would agree to pay only \$5. Mr Love bargained for 2d best at \$5½, to pay first of Jan'y 1832. Saw Kellogg at Post Off. - between & J. Hubbell - made sale of the least of the least at same rate - Meantime furnished Hubb. with horse & wagg to ride to Walbridge's to see if he meant to hold him to an agreement for a hog which they had talked of - otherwise he would have bo't 2 of me. Returned with information that W. held on.

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While Hubb. was gone remained in Hubb's office - Southworth & young Clement appear'd to have some intimacy together. Rec'd this day of Dav Love tow'd cider \$3. Rec'd also of H. Hall Esq \$3. in full for cider - paid up F. Blackmer & Co in full same sum borrowed a few days since. On the 8th mention money paid money paid Sanford & Brown tow'd worr'd -



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which should read in full of 5 doll's borrowed when I went to to Troy, the other \$4. having been paid without being noted in my minutes. In the evening in spite of some storm - waited upon wife, Mary A. Waters and Hopkins - as far as H.Waters' - former staid there - while I proceeded with the others to Algiers where had Hopkins meas'd by T.Davis for surtout. Mary Anne traded a little at Aust Booth & Co's. All returned home together.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16 Contin'd very Novemberish, very uninviting. Deliv' to David Robinson Jun 60 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs butter for which & 1 bbl cider rec'd in full \$11.08 - He handed me the Christian Advocate, N.Y.pap. in which there was an article on Election penn'd by himself - bro't home the same. Business carried me to the Furnace - rec'd pay in full of Brad.Godfrey \$2. for 2 bbls cider. Saw Hen. C. Germond who s'd he would have 2 of our shoats. On return stopped at James Harwood's & bespoke pair of pumps for Hopk's for Examination. At T.Hill's made sale of the 4th & last hog - at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  doll's pr cwt. Our friend John Norton ret'd from N.Y. with the melancholy intelligence that his brother Jonathan Buel Norton, at early hour this morning, a few miles this side the City of Hudson, in a deranged state of mind, threw himself into the river from on board one of the Evening Boats & was totally lost - Had never recovered from the attack he rec'd in October (See 20th) brought on by too much fatigue & exercise at hunting on the 17th. His wid. rec'd the news as she was on her way to attend the wedding of the Baptist Minister in Algiers - Rev'd Mr Teesdill to Miss Lotridge, Hoosick.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17 Cold, not very freez'g - Chilling N.w'd. Five hogs were butchered by Daniels boys & Geo P. and served out to the buyers. To H.Hall 372 - D.Love, 322, T.Hills 229, Hubbell & Kellogg 205 lbs, Tot. 1128 lbs - at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  cts amtd to \$62.04 B.Harwood had 1 which weighed 256 lbs. Butter business going very well. Pork cut up by Sylv. & Geo. in the evening. M.A.Waters visited at Scott's.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18 Milder than had for sev'l days past. Showered pretty heavily. 7 l'ds manure carted out, making an end of that

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business. Did something at covering cider mill. Went to Love's in the evening, did not see Love. Daniel E.Spencer was there and said there was a report of the death of Capt Martin Scott. Transacted some business with John S.Robinson, and then came with Hopkins home. Sam'l H.Brown had his cornfield cleared of corn.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19 Chilling W. & N.W. w'd cldy & very dull. Wheat & rye were threshed by Geo & me - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  bhls very smutty wh't washed by father - G.P.sick with cold. Ben R. Sears took away his girl Mary A.Waters this eve'g to his own house, ready for wedding, in 1 h. wagg. ToO drowsy to attend to doings of National Convention at N.Y. N.L.Robinson came in late in the evening - rarr'd all night and in the morn'g paid over tow'd pork had in 1830, \$2.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20 S.w'd, growing more pleas't - cldy to the end of the day. So taken up with books & papers - had litt. time to read. Examined Convention doings, liked them well. Father, Lydia, wife & daughter visited the Sanctuary - No preaching. Ben R.



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Sears was this eve'g by Mr Teesdell wedd'd to Miss M.A.Waters - likewise by the same at the house of s'd Sears - Mr Zebinah Forbes of Middleton, Vt., to Miss Lucy R.Sears of this Village. Adeline was present at these weddings which by previous arrangement were attended only by few.

MONDAY, NOV. 21 Fair, very mild, handsomest day seen in good while. Manure carted into S. mead. by fath. & Geo P. Visited Street - Rec'd pay from Kellogg in full for pork \$11.27 accomp'd by grumbling, saying since he had purchased of me might have bo't for fifty cts per hund less. Col Merrill appeared to have business there. Saw D.Love who was busy in Sheriff concerns with A.Lyman. Asked him how he understood the contract I made with him in regard to pork - whether to draw int. until day of payment - he said not - to which I assented - telling him I knew the consideration was small, but as I was paying int. on \$400.00 - \$500. & by my contracts not drawing any of much consequence induced me to mention it. S'd I should positively be p'd on the day set. At Sanf'd & Browns renewed his promise to have my Store B'k fixed by Saturday. Left spectacles with Dexter to be repaired - Saw E.H.Swift at D's who gave an unfavorable opinion of the illness of capt P.Dewey. Saw stages start from Hicks'. Carr'd to Doolittl's mill 2 bbls rye. Visited shop of J.Harwood & Son - both present - also Luther Burt & Jar'd Harwood. 2d B. related many circumstances to capt. O.Waters his son aft coming away - rec'd grist Ind. meal at the mill - called on Henry Nor-

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ton & paid his acc't in full, being \$4.93 Copied his acc't on which he ent'd his receipt in full. Previous to this business with my blacksmith called at J.Norton's to consult respecting the removal of cider from P. Dewey's Distillery - Complained of approaching age and of his hair coming off his head, in which I sympathized with him. Came up to F.B. & Co' - staid a few moments - Went to capt. Pliny's - found him tolerably cheerful sitting up - took an acc't of cider deliv'd at Distillery, which compared exactly with mine. 563 G's, Bbls 17. 19 G's - said he should exact nothing for use of cid. mill in Aug. and was willing to do whatever was right about removing the cider. Paid to Mr Twiss, Bar-keeper of Ja's Hicks 87½ cts for rennets - See Sept 19 - Came home and performed job of churning. Parker the principal of Bennington Acad. sent me his Term fee, \$7.04 & \$1. for Blakes' Philosophy - sent am't of bill next morn'g.

TUESDAY, NOV. 22 Snowed fiercely this morning from N.W. or N.E. - continued without much intermission until noon - came on again at night - Morning snow damp - Dismissed milking cows at night on the 21st - That was a very tedious duty to perform in snow-storm this morning. The children were waited upon to school by their mother. I eft'wd took h & wagg, deliv'd to F.B. & Co 40½ lbs butter which he put to my credit - Visited mill & Ja's Harw'd and procured Hopk's pumps - Ret'd to F.B. & Co's, took & deliv'd to J.S.Robinson 16 lbs butter at 1/0 which he paid in full besides paying tow'd shoat which he had agreed for - 2/0. Bo't 1 G.oil at L.Patchin & Co for which p'd in full \$1. Saw there old W.Wittum - Return down the hill - leave horse & wagg. under shed - Gave notice to F.B. & Co that I would settle & pay up all my acc't there. Attended Examination - Classes performed handsomely - pres't A.Rob., Capt H.Rob., capt Hall & Henry Kellogg - After dismissal



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capt. H. spoke of paying for his pork soon - I replied all was well. Called on F.B. & Co & p'd in full \$10.18 Opened new acc't by buying 1 lb tea charged at 80 cts. Called at H. Waters & came home with children My acc't at F.B. & Co ran from Feb 14 up to this date, am'td in all to \$16.89

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23 Snowed in the morning, left off before noon, unpleas't & splashy. Attended to nothing but examination - Conveyed children up in the morning - likewise 96 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs cheese to Sam'l Chandler which was put to our cr at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c's \$6.28 Dined at Gen'l D. Robinson's

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by invitation from capt Heman. Talked with the Gen'l on old subjects such as settl't of the town & a cross Tory whom he saw at N.Y. Nov 1783 by the name of Underhill, from Dutchess Co., N.Y. whose property in lands had been confiscated - and now among a host of his foolish brethren preparing to go to Nova Scotia - pitting on board timbers ready gramed for houses. The Gen'l pestered him as much as he could - Underhill swore & damned, telling him to inform his relatives of the same name in Dorset, Vt., that he would one day come & see them with a threat of doing serious vile mischief unto them. Mr Timothy Follett being with the gen'l cautioned him against using too much freedom with the tory - fearing from his gesturss & language that he would offer some violence, but he said he did not fear him at all, nor did he ever stand in fear of any Tory. Capt Heman & I talked of some occurrences of our early days, or days when much younger than at present - such as going to school to H. A. Fay in the winter of 1806 when he occupied an apartment in the loft of what was then the store of John Lovett Esq, Merch't - now the residence of widow Gov. Robinson. He mentioned a book used in that school the title of which he had forgotten, well recollecting the contents. I put him in mind of s'd title which was "The Gent. & Ladies Monitor". Some familiar names were also called up who were Fay's scholars - Charlotte, Grey, Susan W. Howe - daughter of wid. gov. since dead, Sarah Cutler. John E. & John Fay, Lovett, Charles & Geo. Lyman - sons of Doct. M. J. Lyman of Troy & others. Was present P.M. examination which was all carried on very smoothly, excepting the low voices of many of the scholars, particularly of the ladies. Some of the names of persons in attendance shall be entered, viz: Gen'l D. Robinson, Capt D. R. Jun., capt H. R., L. Patchin, H. Kellogg, U. M. Rob., O. C. Mer., Est's capt Hall, Moses Hurd Jr., Isaac Rice, C. Huntington & c. Appeared well pleased too. After getting away from the Acad. called at H. Waters'. Adeline discov'd she had forgotten to secure a shawl which she wore in the morning. I fretted a good deal on the occasion. At home father & Geo P. conveyed wint. app's from garret to cellar - safe & sound.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24 Cldy, gloomy all day, snowing until nearly noon - no frost in gr'd, snow melted considerably, storm seemed long, mainly N.W. We regularly foddered cows, obtained good mess of milk yet. Paid visit to Judge L. Norton who lent me papers & related particulars of the sickness and death of his late brother - Said a few words to Mr Norton who was much pleased with our District Teacher - Miss R. Hurd - who commenced on the 21st inst.



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Visited the Distillery, saw Lyman Sibley who had commenced running the Distillery - entered the road just as J. Rog. came along with 2 h. wagg. took ride as far as the gate of Merritt Green, now no more. Walked on tow'd Alg - found Coxsackie, or black Tom, with a horse which he was leading up to hitch onto a wrecked 1 h. wagg by the roadside - some rods N. of Lieut Saff'ds - axle had broken short off hinder wheel - assisted the man in fastening rail underneath to enable him to get it down to E. Chase Jr's shop - Our Coxsackie appeared well stuffed with good liquor - questioned him to know whose it was - said it belonged a gentleman and lady who did not very well understand driving their horse. Afterwards saw s'd gent. who was nothing more than a brother black. Conversed with Doct Chandler respecting his cow which he offered at \$19 Saw Henry C. Germond who promised to come & take away shoats on Saturday next. Called at Charles N's shop where saw Mr Day, Benj Greenslit Geo Nort. M. Nort. 2d., Ch's himself present - Partly bargained shoat to Mr Day. Came away & fell in company with Eldad Dewey who said on the whole the last news from his brother at Montpel'r was favorable - left new store & near Dewey's got in to Doolittle's waggon & rode to Hicks', talked about McAdam road & his books - Hist. of Columb. - which I engaged to use with care. In Jumping from his wagg., the horse suddenly starting up, gave me a fall, which on acc't of splash, did not much relish. Had some kind or no kind of business at Sanf'd & Brown's - Saw many of the 4 Days Meeting people - Capt P. & his son Henry Harwood, Sam'l Lawrence &c. Visited & supped with Mrs D. Waters, a list of whose dowry in part I took down. Young Day late from Cincinnati came there - could give much information of the W. country - very good comp. Little Thayer boy was there - his mother being sick. Got home by dark.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25 Contin'd cold, chilling, very unpleas't. Heavy N.W. w'd at night - Ben Sears worked at joinery - fixing partition for shutting up cellar. Father & ladies attended 4 Day Meeting which was stopped at night - weath. & coughs too bad among the people. Geo P. goes to Alg's gets upp leather of T. Hills on my acc't \$4.50 Carried stock & gave directions for making eavesp't irons to Henry Norton. A gent from Alg's called to know if we had a farrow cow for sale, told him had 2 such - shewed him them - preferred & offered \$15 for Rose cow, which was refused - on acc't of previous talk with Ja's Harwood. Perused pap's this eve'g.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 26 Cldy, chilly, thawy, unpleas't. All engaged in raising eaves troughs - A part of the irons were already on the ground - Hopk's was forthwith sent to H. Nort's for the remainder - Returned with them in season. S'd troughs were fitted up on either side the great barn inclusive of another raised to S. side horse barn. W. Ault, apprentice of H. Waters, being sent to exchange the Pratt cow for that owned by Waters (See May 9, 17) was an assistant in the above business. Sold female shoat to J. S. Robinson, weight 84 lbs, at 4" pr lb, which with Sam'l H. Brown's ladder and Benj R. Sears tools were transported in to the Str. it being some little time before sunset when they started away. G. P. Harwood teamster. Felt cold coming on.



SUNDAY, NOV. 27 Rather on the thawy order. Snowed nearly all day. Seventeen cows stabled at night - Sylvanus assisted in doing it because I was ill of this big cold. Broached the lesser pot of potted cheese.

MONDAY, NOV. 28 Contin'd chilly, unpleas't, snowed a part of the day. Barn repaired. Waited upon lady to Sanf'd & Br's where she traded to am't \$2. or more. She retired to H. Waters' & there remained until after I had got grist at the mill - had shoes or boots mended by John Harwood at his son Asa's - Saw Common Prayer Book in which read a few passages - In the eve'f after getting home read part of Convention Address.

TUESDAY, NOV. 29 Blue, cold, gr'd cov'd with snow, more snow added. 23l G's cider transported from Dewey's to Norton's Distillery. Rec'd assistance from Mr Brooks who acted as agent for Capt. P. Dewey. Mr Daniels & boys threshed grain at J. Norton's barn. Our women were very busy preparing for Thanksgiving.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 Comparatively pleas't but cold. Three hhds cider were transported as mentioned mention'd above, having Dewey's oxen to assist in drawing both l'ds - Made out 575 gallons besides which 8 gallons cider were yet due from Dewey. S.W. Dan's spent eve'g here. Mr Wight arrived from Shaftsbury in fine spirits to spend Thanksgiving with us.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 1 Very wintry, snowt & cold. Commenced foddering cattle at S. stack, had yet sold none of the cows, 3l. Nothing strange nor uncommon. Nobody out of the family excepting Mr Wight joined in celebrating Thanksgiving here. Mr Wight had an unble pie baked for him with his name inscribed thereon in letters of dough.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 2 Weather not materially different from that of the first inst. Had business up street - at printing office - Heard Col Merrill talking of the justice & fairness of the Jackson Administration to a man from Pownal named Parker who seemed pleased with what was said - mentioned

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his father's having adopted a very favorable opinion of Jackson, was now 89 yrs of age, concluded he must support Jackson - so did S. Danforth. At Love's rec'd tow'd cider \$2 in money - Left at Hicks' \$6 in the care of Twiss to pay to Francis Brackenridge for rennets - See Oct 14. Rode with young Dickinson to Algiers - saw Doct Chandler - made no bargain for cow. Geo P. and team assisted in transporting Dewey's own cider to J. Norton's Distillery - one load only - something near 180 G's. Thanksgiving Day and main part of my eve'gs were given up to writing.

SATURDAY, DECEM. 3 Cold indeed, some addition of snow, very cldy, and rough. Geo got oxen shod at Chandler's, price \$2.25, Sled shod at home. Some preparation made for killing hogs on Monday next. Uncle Sam & aunt Sarah Robinson paid us a short & very good visit in sleigh - the latter talked much upon Religious affairs. Lydia rode up to H. Waters' with uncle S. & returned in the evening with B.R. Sears & wife whose terry was very short. News was rec'd of the death of



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Louisa the daughter of capt. Perez Harwood, aged about 22 years, deceased this day. Norman Norton was daily sending past our door loads of wood, cut on Street lot, into town - sold to various individuals there. S.W. Dan's & Steph. Jewett were hands employed in this. S.H. Brown successfully prosecuted the building of his b'd fence on line between Fay/mead and our own.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 4 Snowed 2/3d day from the E. Milder than on Saturday Cattle doing well fed on stack hay. Very busy writing, bringing up my records to 1st of Nov. No going to meeting here. Geo P. read Jour. of Health. Orr & Sylv W. Daniels sociably spent a part of the day here.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 Fierce storm in the morning. N.w'd very cold day. Geo & Orren threshed the last of the rye of 1831 - 10 bhls. Spent most of the day in the Street. Made inquiry at Hollisters' what was wanted to trim Hopkins' surtout - bo't the same at Sanf'd & Browns'. Conversed with Ogden about cutters - offered me one formerly the property of Sam'l Canfield for \$14. Did not think proper to make bargain. Stage left Hicks' for the W - V. Der McEowen just as he was going off, spoke respecting butter. Called & staid awhile at P.O. - saw Cashier there - offered to sell his Deming cow for \$25. Saw the funeral procession of Miss Louisa Harwood pass down the hill - went down afterwards & joined at the interment. At Hall's office saw Southworth, Mr Parker came in & shewed a new razor, made of India steel. Went to the Academy

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and recovered possession of Adeline's shawl - See Nov 23. Borrowed papers - came home & examined contents respecting Reform Bill, Eng. People in terrible ferment on account of its stoppingage in the House of Lords - Sat. 8th of Oct - Norton's boy came down & bo't on cr lbs 4 14 oz butter.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 6 Snug winter - milder than on the 5th. Geo & Orr butchered those swine mentioned early in Aug, weighed lbs 256 Pork cut up in the evening. We were about to take 265 1/2 leave of the Dairy house. Estimated all the butter 291 3/4 made & to be made, up to first of Jan 1832 - beginning in April 1831 - 600 lbs - \$92ch's \$654.72 - 813 calf skins \$13.50 - Total \$760.28 - See Nov 9 - Pig 81 G.P. falling from one of those creatures they butchered, severely injured his middle finger of the right 1st hog 256 hand - did not get over it for several days. Lbs 1150

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 7 Very severe frosty weather. G.P. could no labor of much acc't perform - therefore went to Walbridge's bo't 2 1/2 lbs wool at 4/0 pr lb. Orr Daniels worked in woods. I was in Alg. - T.Hills had no leather - promised to have it soon - Left word with H.C. Germond that he would not have the shoats, for which he had agreed, if he did not come next day & take them away. Doct. Chand said if I wanted his cow must make bargain very soon - promised to decide on the morrow. Saw James Harwood - had made no boots for G.P. - would shortly come to see R. cow. Disposed of F. Qur. beef before hand to T. Hills - at going price - Rode in Col Brackenridge's sleigh - himself & Daniel Fuller on board - up to meeting house. B.said had rec'd pay of Twiss, left for him day or two since - See Dec'r 3d Rode greater part of the way home with a Pow'l man.



THURSDAY, DEC'R 8 Remained equally as cold as it had been. Orren in the woods. Geo P. goes with me to Algiers - Had mare shod at Henry Norton's for which & one other small article charged 66 cts. Carr'd the wool bo't by G. to machine for carding - G. visited J. Harwood - got no boots. Saw capt. Chase at J. Norton's store who from his earnest conversation on old subjects appeared to be of the old Republican school. Aaron Grover Jr being present very loquaciously delivered a biographical of his maternal grand-father whose name was Nichols - blacksmith - 2 miles N. of H. Falls - a tory of the Revolution - possessor of handsome property & gr't rum drinker. Left word at Doct. Chand's that I should not put in for his cow. At Austin, Booth & Co's saw gen D. Rob. & lady, former remarkably lively & full of fun. Came up to Hicks' - Geo & I viewed the old Canfield cutter again - found 1 runner broken - gave her up at once. Hopk's commenced going to Academy School. N.L. Rob. staid with us over night

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✓ FRIDAY, DEC'R 9 Tolerably fair, not so cold as had been - Orr commenced drawing wood. I was as usual - up Street. Wrote letter to Erasmus Stone, Salina, N.Y. Post M. - to have him inq'r particularly respecting Gid. Smedley, to let us know where he might be. Mentioned some circumstances respecting him and his wife & c & c. At P.O. saw the lady & litt. boy of Mr Leavenworth in sleigh driven by S. Germond. Vis'd Freeborn Childs' who informed me he had an acc't against me of \$ 3.88 which I engaged should be paid before long. At D. Clark's B. Store heard Pres's Message read through by Col Merrill - Did not see why it was not a very good one. J.S. Rob'n, U.M.R. and others were there. Bo't of D. Clark 1 quire broken lett. paper - 25 on book. At Love's rec'd from Barkeeper in full for cider \$2. Sim Thayer Sen there drunk or heady - foolish enough indeed. Came to Sanf'd & Brown's & bo't 1 lb tea, charged 70. This morning sold to James Harwood the Rose cow for \$15. of which \$3.65 went tow'd acc't since last settlem't with \$1.35 cash paid down for remainder gave his note payable when called for - at cash price. Lieut Cobb, Shaftsbury, Vt., located himself here this night. Spent many of these precious evenings writing Jour'l.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 10 Really cold - fair yellow sky - awful cold night. Boys drew wood. Lieut Cobb busied himself in making out a family registry for B. Harwood & Son. Myself & children in Sam'l H. Brown's cutter rode to Hoosick Falls where we arrived I P.M. Made chief stand at Hen. H. Parsons', all well excepting his mother who for a week past had suffered severely from pain in head - gath'd, broke, relieved wonderfully - so as to be about her work - much taken up in the boarding business - Dined with them - Finch & Wells boarders - Visited Pars' machine shop - according to request of S.H. Brown exchanged a \$2. bill which he had rec'd of young H.C. Parsons, for other more to his liking - S.H.B. thinking the first not good. Walked over to Seneca Dorr's - conversed sometime with his wife, enquiring respecting relatives & c. Saw cous. Cornelius Stone engaged in cutting pork - Had a mom't conversation with cous. Dorr - came over the river & called at the house of C. Stone - made no tarry - Mrs S. being gone to meeting. Returned to cous. Henry's - took my beast to H. Parsons' - saw H.P. & man engaged in loading frozen manure, in his cow yard, on to a sled & then had it conveyed to the hill back of S. Parsons' - Complained much of derangem't of



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business during his late absence in Connecticut. Returned once more to H.H Parsons',supped,conversed & passed jokes among the boarders,played flute - talked some with aunt Ruth and with cous Andrew Pars - learned that Andrew Parsons of Long Is'd had lately burried his wife. Within an hour or two Wells & cous. Henry went to a quilting down at Watson's nearly - Miss Chapin was said to be of the party. Hopkins played heavily with Orville & young Seth Edward. The last end of the eve'g spent at H.Parsons - saw our friend Chatfield who before going to bed took some pills which Mrs Hiel had some difficulty to induce him to take. He had been unwell for several days past. Past 10 the thermometer which was suspended in a kind of piazza,indicated 29 degrees below freezing point At a late hour retired with friend Chatfield who related to me many things before we slept which it would be very improper,could I remember them,to set down here. We occupied separate beds. Must not omit mentioning that I saw gen'l Seth P.in his machine shop,conversed with him a while. Not very common to find him & his brother at home at the same time.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 11 Most severely cold,not many mornings more so - Soft w'd softened the air as the sun approached meridian Moderated down so far at night as to make look out for a thaw. I rallied very early,made fires at Hiel's and at Henry's. After necessary preparation breakfast was made ready in very good order. Many civilities were exchanged - all proper attentions rec'd - and we left a little past sunrise - arrived here in season for Mr Brown to attend meeting. Mr B. was very neighborly - not charging anything for use of cutter. Remainder of the day wrote Jour'l. Mr Cobb finished Family Rec'd - related many military anecdotes - drank some cider - read funny stories & lodged here at night. Our people had been some disapp'd by our not getting home on Sat. night.

MONDAY, DEC'R 12 Weather had moderated vastly up to about six in the morning - w'd changed to N.W. & blew cold all day. Sallied out with intention of getting an ox-yoke made & buying cutter - called at Hicks' - Saw F.Breckenridge and others there. Twiss gave me B's rec't for the \$6 he had paid to him agreeably to my order. By invitation took passage in B's sleigh for Algiers - Mr B. was very sociable on Moral & Religious subjects - did not believe in signing temperance papers nor in a supernatural change of the human heart &c. At Aust'n Booth & Co's got out. Walked to the E.,saw J.Norton - asked him how much he would

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take for his cutter,replied,35 down to \$30 - directed if I wished to see it to go to Allen's - Marched to Saff'ds store - saw capt.Abell - Saff'd informed that Allen had gone to Adams with s'd cutter, so did not see it. Called at capt J.Saff'ds,learned that the old gent had been very sick,was better,Mrs S. said her son & his wife were gone to Wilmington - I said something of money which I should want by first Jan. next - She said on his return from abroad she would mention it to him. Got along to wid. Olins - heard wid. O.Sage & some other person talking relative to Jonathan Hunt's complaint against turning the waters of the Roaring Branch - they thought in reality it was no damage at all to him and he had never obtained by law more than \$5. - cost him more than that to get it. Engaged Norman Olin to make ox yoke. Marched out to James Harwood's - going thither - saw at M.Nort's shop D.Weeks



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Jun who said he had a pair of ox bows to sell. Visited said James & questioned him respecting his cow which he said he would take away next day. Went up to Websters - bo't & paid 50" for ox bows - coming down that road was overtaken by Ed Savage with one h.wagg. loaded with ears of corn and oat straw - left said bows with Olin. Came down street - saw & spoke with M. Manchester respecting the death of his wife which took place on the 7th - sick only a week - a loss which he thought could never be made up to him - her age was 29 years. Called into J. Norton's store - soon rec'd an invitation to dinner which was accepted - S.B. McEwen the Cl'k being of the party. We talked over old affairs, a subject which appeared to be pleasing to him and his lady - He had reckoned his age wrong making himself one year too young - I told him however that he was surely born in Feb - I think he said 21st - 1787 - Mrs N. said she was born in the latter part of Sept. 1790. Came down to Aust B. & Co's - saw Job Burt - Went to T. Hill & Co's Tannery - Bo't 17 lbs sole leather at 24 - am't being \$4. on acc't - Left leather at the store - Saw B. Squires. Rode up to meeting house with Romulus Walbridge on wood sleigh - Brad Witherell in Co., Rode from town with S. Jewett - Hopkins was also of the party. Boys contin'd getting wood. Rec'd visit in the eve'g from E. Fay Jun who paid debt to Orr W. Daniels of \$1.50 and to me due on Wight's School Bill 1/0. I should pay said money over to the Dist. were it not for money which I advanced on McKee's bill for N.L. Fenton - 35 cents for which I could never get a vent. Mr F. Made many queer remarks - staid till tow'd nine & went home.

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WED. DEC'R 14 Contin'd very cold, hazed over, snow expected. Boys contin'd drawing wood of which they made out 5 loads. I am recording the wrong day - Should be - Tues. Dec. 13 - Very cold w'd S. Boys getting wood - Crossed over on f't to Algiers - Rode up St with Dr Chandler - Bo't his Raymond cow - to have possession 1st of Jan - to pay 1st Feb \$19 without int. Went to Olins & gave directions respecting yoke. Ret'd to J. Norton's store. Saw Van McEwen & M.L. Selden - pretty soon came in maj. L. Norton who entered into conversation with Hannah Day Gillson about digging ore - but to no great profit as our friendly seem'd much troubled to explain himself - didn't do it at last. By invitations accomp'd my friends I. & J. Norton up to the red cott. Factory - went all through it - there were 24 looms & 216 spindles. In the upper loft saw the place in which the fire a few days since had done damage & threatened the total destruction of the establishment - was soon got under O-Damage estimated at \$50. Returned to the store - st'd awhile & then rode down St. with Dr Chand. as far as his house. Sam'l Weeks was preparing to raise sign-post and sign - which did not stop to see effected. Spoke with our old friends Horatio Clark & John Knapp - the last a soldier of Col Martindale's Reg't Militia, Plattsburg, Champlain &c 1812. Eldad Dewey appeared to be busy about raising sign post. I took passage with two young men from Woodford with one of E. Lyons' teams up to meeting house. Saw Dwt N. Swift who said I could have money if I wanted - Shewed him S.H. Brown's cutter which he pronounced a good one - but did not say how much he would give for it. Tried Samuel hard to say less than \$40 for her. I finally came boldly up & signed note for that sum due 6 mo's from date - Cutter was deliv'd in the evening. Saw at store among others Fayette Dickinson & lady - late widow of Otis Dimmick, Hoosick, N.Y. Hiram Blackmer was also there - and went with Sam'l H. to Pow'l on Constable business with Sid. Dim'k. I had passage with them in cutter homew'd Boys drew 3 l'ds wood besides waiting on Doct. Swift. Lent the Dr  $\frac{1}{2}$  bhl



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salt. This was now said to be a very scarce article - river having frozen up before a supply had been procured from N.Y. by dealers. James Harwood came this day and took away his property, the Bone cow, which we had kept ever since the 30th Dec'r 1829. Fine beast for milk - large size - good color - pale red. Will enter remarks on Dec'r 14 - see top of the page. On way to J.Norton's distillery conveyed Mrs S.Harwood to Mrs Kent's. Left casks at Distillery - returned thence - took off beard Took seat in cutter - Conveyed 12½ lbs butter to Ed H.Swift & 28 do to Vand McEowen. Left Street by way of ~~St~~ ~~St~~

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of Shirkshire road - up new road & through Alg to Janes Harwood's - found him much pleased with his cow - left sole leather with him, giving some direction about making boots for G.P.Harwood. Returned to J.Norton's store - left brandy order with Sydney McEowen for John, 33 G8s 1 qt 1½ pts. Saw Mr Delano who requested me to write the Parsons' how & at what price they would dispose of the Chatfield place? Signified my earnest wish that he would purchase and assist in everything I could do to forward the scheme. Mr D. said he could pay all down by first of April. Got up into Street, called on Dr Swift & requested leave to have his ox-yoke a few days longer - he granted it - wanted to know if I had bo't a cutter and how much the price - honestly told him as mentioned under the 13th - he very quickly rejoined that I had given too much - might have done a good deal better. So s'd Ed'd H. who was present and they tho't for the same money down could have bo't a new one of Ogden - I said it was pretty well for me if I had come within \$5 of the value of the article - I was used to paying \$5 or 6\$ too much for what I bo't. I was prepared for such compliment - had made my bargain and it was too late to repent. Called on Tho's Kent for work - promised he would come on next day. Rec'd crotch'd hayknife of H.Nort. - \$1.75

THURSDAY, DEC'R 15 Almost if not quite as cold as had been. Boys contin'd getting wood, 5 l'ds. I was with them until after coming down with the 2d load. Tho's K. was up to his word, but being unfortunate in regard to snow getting into his boot tops found himself obliged to retire about 1 P.M. Business occasioned me to go to S.D Walbridge's, where found capt Hicks & lady making a little visit to their daughter Mrs W. Mentioned to S.D. that I had a cow or two which I supposed he might wish to buy - promised to come up & view her or them within a few days. Took me out among his cattle to let me see what fine ones he had - indeed I found them so - very fair & in excellent plight. Joseph N.Hinsdill drove up in yard good style, fine horses, musical bells Walb. rode with him up to Hicks' - I followed - taking in a Mr Weed of Woodford who told me of buying of Mr Dan'l Brackenridge at \$1 pr hund - said he would come and look at a cow which I offered for sale - Resided in Woodford City - married a daughter of Wm Park. Traded a few cents worth with Sanford & Brown, took in lard pots for Sam'l H., saw Rich'd Dickinson in store. Saw Stebb D.Walbridge talking with our old friend Silas Walb. who appeared very active and smart - said he was 72 years of age in June last - said Stebbins W. was about 62. Esq Fillmore stated that his father died at 73 - completely run down.

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Mr Sanford sent off by Seymour Merrill over E. for hired girl. I came home early in the eve'g. Read Hist. of Columbus & recorded several days of Jour'l which a few days since was more than 100 days in rear. Mr Alanson Lyman with his friend Orr Bates came up & bought 11½ lbs butter for which p'd in full \$1.92



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Late in the evening Levi Jewett came to invite hands to raise stable frame - 22 x 40.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 16 Severe S. wind - rained snow storm at night. Boy's contin'd getting wood, 5 l'ds. Wrote letter to S. Parsons Esq, Hoosick, N.Y. in compliance with & in terms agreeable to request of Mr D. Rode up St't with Hopkins, deposited letter in Post Office where saw I. Doolittle. Went past Bank & by new road through Algiers to James Harwood's - had Hopkins foot measured for p'r of boots. Called & rec'd ox-yoke of Norm Olin to whom p'd in full \$1.25 for making it & finding timber. Came again into Algiers - saw horse on the ground, either dying or very seriously indisposed - visited the spot & found a number of men trying to get him up - Various prescriptions were quickly named - did not stay to know how they managed - saw a finutes minutes afterwards somebody in the crowd pauring down gin to give relief - was anxiously trying to hunt up Harry Norton to iron the yoke - tarried awhile at his house - to no purpose - his wife nor anyone else could give no information where he was. Visited J. Norton's store, had brandy business all fairly understood. A. Lyman came in and in low tome said something respecting some person indebted to them. After a few moments consultation they concluded to send for D. Love, Dep. Sheriff and desired me to verbally deliver the message - I posted off immediately and informed Love that he was forthwith wanted by J. Norton on business in his line up E. - s'd he knew where it was & was off in a mom't. Saw at Love's Darius Clark - Black Joel saw me in the Str't - wanted to know if I had bo't that cutter of Sam H.? - and if I had must take good care of it, keep it housed & have it varnished, for it was a real good one. As I came home the S. wind was most cruelly cutting. Assisted in feed'g cattle. Geo & Orr rode to Algiers & ret'd with yoke completely rigged for which Norton charged 3/9 - made bow keys - put plate over center where the staple drops below yoke & fitted in staple. Sylv's W. Daniels & Stephen Jewett came up to take away shoats bargained to N. Norton - the dog Fayette was of particular service in taking them - one barrow weighed 111 lbs the other 98 - and the sow 132 lbs - total 341 at 4" \$13.64. Perused the Hist. of Columbus this evening. Poor man saw a great deal of trouble with his New World.

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SATURDAY, DEC'R 17 At first wind violently blew up from S. & S.E. - drifting roads very badly in many places - about noon or a little past the wind changed to W. & N.W. and from being rather moderate as to cold blew most dreadfully, so as nearly to deprive a person of the power of breathing - cold increased astonishingly in some places roads were blown full - in others even the hard trodden snow was swept away & the ground for many rods in length stript bare. Boys threshed wheat. I shovelled manure from stables - read a few pages of Columbus. P.M. accomp'd by father rode up Str't - leaving him at H. Waters visited the hill - left horse under shed at Love's - saw uncle Saml Wadsworth who complained of the gale which took him while bringing l'd of wood into market - indeed I hardly ever met with anything of the kind more severe. Carried to the lady of Isaac T. Robinson 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs butter at 1/0 for which she said she would pay me on Wed. next. She offered to introduce me to the Rev'd Mr Hooker, who with her husband & son John F. was very happily engaged in singing, but I declined the favor. Came to Van



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Mc Eowen's - collected pay in full for 28 lbs butter with thanks beside Visited & paid \$3.88 in full of shoe-making acc't to F.Childs - who requested a continuance of our custom - to which I returned a favorable reply - Came down to Hall's office - saw no one excepting friend Southworth who was cheerful & in good humor. Noticed the cutter, calling it a pretty one, wanted to know how much I gave for it, would not tell him, referred him to Doct N.Swift - Rode to the house of Esq Hall - made excuses for calling on him on so tedious a day, he said it was all right - meant to have paid me ere this - was expecting money by way of Sam'l Wright, Pownal - at any rate I should have it soon if he had to borrow it. Went to Sanf'd & Brown's - bo't lb coffee, 14" on book. Sanford said I was credited on book for 13 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs butter \$2.20. This eve'g the term of Orr W.Daniels' services ended - due \$5. Very cold night - perused Irving's Columbus, sate up rather late.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 18 Colder & rougher weather is very rarely experienced in this country. Orr W.Daniels hired horse of Doct Chand. & put before our cutter & went on business of importance to Berlin, N.Y. Conveyed ladies from this house to meeting. I was now even with my Jour'l which had not been the case since the last of June. Midd Nov'r or thereabouts, more than 100 days in rear.

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MONDAY, DEC'R 19 Much more mild than of late, but withal very snug wint. weather - cldy, a spattering of snow which served to keep sleighing order was observed. Geo P.Harwood threshed wheat. A piece of board fence was replaced by me & father. P.M. I visited by means of oxen, Chandler's shop with 2 h.sleigh to have it fixed with thills taken from an old cutter - work could not be done at pres't. Borrowed of F.Blackmer \$8 which I promised to return by the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan. to which putting \$2 more went to Mr Coffin's, deposited the same in his hands with orders to buy a pair of good buffalo skins if to be procured for that sum in Troy, if higher than that, by the pair, to purchase one only - Gave him liberty to use his own judgment in executing the business to do as if he were for himself - Said he would. At Mr Hick&s saw much company in Bar Room, among whom where John Stephens, Danl E.Spencer, Sam'l H.Blackmer & Anthony Breese of Hoosick - Stephens was talking with a man from M's who appeared to be a woolen manufacturer - to whom it was suggested as a very proper & fair way of doing business for Manufacturers to enter into contract with large wool growers to furnish wool for five or ten years at 50 cts pr lb, which method would prevent speculation and consequently fluctuation of prices. The gentleman acceded to it, called it a good scheme. Talked some with Mr B. who thought probable that in the spring he should have some good cows to sell. I promised him a visit. Bo't of F.B. & Co Miniature Vt Register for 1832 - price 13 cts on book. Left Doct N.Swift's ox yoke at his barn where saw Sylv W.Daniels engaged in threshing out the Doct's grain for every tenth. Early in the eve'g Orr W.Daniels arrived with cutter from Berlin, in good spirits - s'd cutter was forwarded by him & Geo. to Mr Coffin who had engaged to carry ~~it~~ himself & lady to Troy. We sent by way of pres't to Capt E.Waters family  $\frac{1}{2}$  bhl Ind.meal & a quantity of butter. On the 18th was published Mr Twiss to Miss Eliza dau of Elk Barney. This eve'g finished reading 2<sup>nd</sup> V.of Irving's Columbus, very entertaining when he was superseded by Bobadilla & his interview likewise with the Sovereign after his return to Spain. Geo P.this eve'g rode to Algiers - procured no boots - had strong promise - Rec'd and bro't home rolls from carding machine - paid 19" - shared my half. A churning of butter of 25 or 26 lbs was this eve'g done. Capt P.Dewey contin'd much as he had been.



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TUESDAY, DEC'R 20 On the mild order - cldy - very chill S.wind. 17½  
bbls wheat winnowed by mill - afterwards hoisted in  
to shed loft & put in bin. Rats uncommonly numerous. We prepared for  
butchering beef next day. About noon Hiel Parsons of Hoosick came up  
accomp'd by Mr

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Bennett, Pownal, of high fur cap memory. Never knew the man much before  
and now our acquaintance was but little improved as little conversation  
passed between us. Mr P. came in consequence of the line written by me  
to his brother, to say something the sale of Chatfield place. Said Seth  
felt determined to insist on the sum of \$300 for it. That was what it  
cost them - and he felt unwilling to take less. H. said he knew they  
ought to get their price, but as the place was situated, for himself he  
would take less in money down. I agreed to see Delano about it & then  
after finding out the most he would give, to write them. H. Waters came  
in one of Hicks' cutters and informed us that a daughter had been born  
at his house - of course Miss Lydia rode home with him to perform the  
office of nurse for a short period. Orr W. Daniels was here the latter  
p't of the day - Mrs S. Harwood paid P.M. vis to his mother. The long &  
steady cold weather, at present experienced, was matter of surprise to  
the oldest people in the country, especially so early in the season. Hay  
rapidly consumed - Completed read'g 2d Vol of Columbus ere this & was  
now employed on the 3d & last Vol concerning his 4th & last voyage. Ah,  
& a world trouble he had too.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 21 Cloudy - moderate - S. wind - snowed some & there  
was gr't roaring in the E. - past noon wind changed  
direction - grew more & more tempestuous - cold increased most rapidly  
until 12 at night - Dreadful tedious night. We butchered the cow call-  
ed "Seaton", bo't 2 yrs since of Wm Seaton. Commenced feeding her on po-  
tatoes. Oct 10 - compute quantity consumed at 60 bbls which at 1/0 pr  
bbl would amount to \$10 - Beef was of good fair quality - quarters  
weighed lbs 507 - hide 63 - rough tall 55 - total lbs 625 which compu-  
ted at \$5 pr hund would am't to \$31.25. While Geo & Orren were dressin  
the beef I went to Chandler's & got the old sleigh to which an old pair  
of thills had been affixed - price 50¢ - Saw Capt P. Dewey walking beside  
Solomon Wright Jr - spoke with me & requested me to tell him on how many  
acres cow pasture land we kept 30 cows? I answered from 60 to 70 - he  
likewise asked if I wished to purchase young steers - told him I did not  
I was told he had acted very bad all night, it employed 3 or 4 persons to  
manage him - his case a very melancholy one. Came hom with s'd sleigh &  
late P.M. took in fore qr beef and 63¾ lbs hide and started for Alg - tak-  
ing his wife - rode in face of a most severe gale, landed her at H. Waters  
where she spent the night. I deliv'd beef & hide at Turner Hills' which  
over-balanced his acc't for leath \$10.21

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by \$2.12 which he promptly paid in hand - my tarry was short - left at  
Austin Booth & Co's \$1.25 for Orr W. Daniles which they credited to him &  
which balanced acc'ts with s'd Daniels up to this date on my books.  
Bo't of F.B. & Co on a/c 1 H.L. Oil, charged \$1.



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THURSDAY, DEC'R 22 The intensity of cold was pronounced at its height last night & this morning by those that kept thermometers - from 4 to 9 degrees below zero - coldest we had known it the present season. Conveyed Hopkins to Academy - Spent much time at Clark reading room - looked at papers in which there was no very important news more than Capo D.Istrias President of Greece had been assassinated - serious riots in Bristol, Eng. &c. Learned that William A.Griswold, Phineas White & others were delegates from Vermont in the Nat'l Republican Convention sitting at Baltimore, M'd which C. proceeded to nominate Hen. Clay for President and John Sargeant, Pa., for V.Pres. U.S. John S.Robinson came in and paid me in full \$3.03 for wheat shoat. D.Clark made known to me many of his troubles in the way of signing bank notes & jail bonds, by which he would lose \$300 or more. Saw fresh frozen fishes for sale by pedlar - also a pedlar of large tin ovens - said he saw Mrs Gov R. near Hartford, Conn., who gave him a line to Sam C.Raymond - written and signed with her own hand - as S.Fay, who also saw it, was of opinion, to pay the man \$2 & take one of those ovens, and on her return she would hand over. On presenting the paper to Mr R. he refused doing it unless the pedlar would reduce his price, which was not acceded to - Mr Pedlar thought himself misused - We directed him to go to David Henry with his order and he would pretty surely get his pay. Came to Hiram W's, saw babe which was doing well - Rode to Dool's mill - to Ja's Harwood's - got boots for Geo P. - came home by Smith & Norton, had some business with N.Norton - Saw Orr W.Daniels who wanted sleigh to go to mill - gave him leave to take it - unharnessed my beast on the spot - turned her loose in the road - saw her going tow'd home. Went to Major L's shop, tried to sell beef to Bates & Norton - effected no bargain - heard Julius N. perform several pieces on flute - tried a few pieces myself - came out and pursued course directly for home - met a short distance from the house Mrs Duncan & Mrs Eli Carpenter who were on visit at Mr Daniels' & so had just called in to see our ladies - Did not find the mare at home - made search all over the neighb'd without success - even made three journeys of this kind before 12 at night - going once to Fay's just at bed time & could find nothing of her, very cold too. She was snug in Norton's barn - came home next morn'g

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22d Contin'd. G.P. helped Tho's Kent get 1'd of wood for which he was charged 25 cts. Tho's by wearing thin boots froze his feet. Mr Norton had rec'd about 11 lbs butter - paid \$2 - wanted & I engaged him 30 lbs more at 1/0, to be paid in 60 days. G.P's main business was threshing wheat.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 23 Severely cold morning - but afterwards became vastly more mild than days heretofore - Shaved & rode up St with fore qr of beef - made some efforts to sell on the hill - finally put it off to my friend Hall to whom offered to give liberal cr - at  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cts - it came to \$4.65 - he wanted to know what discount I would make for ready pay - I said 15 cs - so he handed me \$5 in Bennington pap desiring me to give credit towards pork for the excess which would reduce that demand to \$18.96, but he told me as he rode along tow'ds his house that on the 2d of Jan he would pay me \$19. Treated me with good cider. At the Post O. rec'd letter from P.M., Salina, N.Y. in which he said he had made diligent inquiry for G.Smedley, everybody knew him but knew not where he lived - at length by accident learnt that his residence was at



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the Village of Geddes, 1 or 2 miles beyond Salina - to the former place must direct our letters. Felt well pleased to find out that much. Paid to F.B. & Co tow'd borrowed \$3. Ed H. Swift enquired the day on which I was to receive pay for cheese - on saying first of Feb - replied he wished I would get it one day in advance - for on s'd first Feb. he had engaged to pay a large sum of money to some one - Told him I would do it if possible. F. Kelly broke down - had his property attached &c. Sam'l H. Brown said he was a loser to am't of about \$100. Very well entertained this evening rwarding Hist. Columbus - cruelty of the Spaniards to the Natives of s'd Domingo was almost beyond example. Father & Geo. Contin'd threshing wheat.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 24 Fair prospect of thaw all the morning - even rained considerably - but P.M. wind hauled round to W. & N. W. - rained ceased - storm cleared up - remained cldy - froze at night. Father & Geo P. winn'd, meas'd & bro't in 20 bbls wheat. I rode away in the old sleigh - Hopkins in co - Bo't of Sanf'd & Brown 7 lbs br sug 50" & 2 lbs do 16c - charged 66c - Ja's S. Merrill had very bad cold - could hardly speak loud - Attended to small business at John Hicks'. Rode to Algiers by way of new road - left mare under Doolittle's mill shed. Walked up to Ja's Harwood's shop - rec'd

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new boots made for Hopkins - had pr tops put onto father's boots by s'd James. While he was thus employed looked for & found that part of the 10th Chapt of St Luke which follows the 25th verse - sent Hopk's up for cutter in which Coffin had been to Troy - ret'd with pr of buffalo skins which cost \$9. Mr C. returned one dollar - s'd skins were high & scarce - otherwise I might complain of the purchase. Eve'g with Geo. & Hopkins visited Maj. L. Norton's & people - Julius, Bates &c were making fine music. Jas P. Godfrey having returned from trip of carrying off ware made settlem't with Maj L. - that business being ended drew up and made settlmt in full with him for ware had since he was last paid in Jan of the present year - amt'g to \$6.33, balanced by taking friend Norman paymaster We made but short tarry - came up to Norman's - Requested note for balance on shoats - he retired apparently to draw one - returned shortly with a handful of Bennington paper and paid me in full \$7.31 for which I s incerey thanked him. L. Norton Esq & Orr W. Daniels were present - They said Stephen Jewett was there sick. Got home in good season - talk ed too much to get time to read.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 25 Solidly frozen up again - real winter again. With wife rode to E. Village - so late that she would not attend forenoon service. I however, leaving her at J. Rogers', ventured in & heard a part of Elder Hodge's Sermon - which was very good - on the influence of good & bad men after they die &c. During intermission very agreeably spent time at J.R's - several young ladies came in among whom were Emily Robinson, Emily Sears and Mrs Fobes. Bradford Godfrey & his sisters Abigail & Mrs Potter were also there. P.M. Mr Hodges delivered a fine discourse on the death of the late lamented Jona. Buel Norton - from Job 13" 15th verse - full of consolation to the mourners, delivered in a most pleasing & flattering style. We ret'd by same route we went, viz by Smith's & Norton's. After arrival here was visited by H. Waters & B. Sears - the former conversed with me on business relating to Dr Chandler.



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MONDAY, DEC'R 26 No mistake as to reallt. of cold Wint.weather,however not so tedious as many previous days of the present month. Father & self had a ride up to Woodf'd City in cutter - made halt at the new tavern of Elisha Lyon - had mince pie,cheese & cider for 15 - very good too. Were pretty cold on arrival in the City - warmed at Mr Weeds' where we were rec'd very kindly. Mr Weed is the son-in-law of W.Park, both families tenanted the same house - See Dec. 15 - Spent little time here. Came down much quicker than we went up - fine road - no bad hills - a prodigy

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that such a road should be laid & completed through a country so amazingly mountainous - Before leaving this mountain excursion let me insert what I never looked in my notes for that day. At Lyons' the barkeeper appeared like a smart young man, he waited upon another lad of 21 or 22, at the time we were there,who devoured a whole pie. On our return to Alg's father went to warm at the house of J.Rog's while I made settlem't in full at the store of J.& J.B.Norton with the Cl'k,Sid B.McEowen to whom paid \$5.92. Had sleigh repaired by H.Norton - 0/9 on book. In the morning saw Mr Delano & got him to say he would come over and look at the Chatfield place on which he would make a bid - Also deliv'd to Horace Deming 19½ lbs cheese at 6½ c & to John Harwood 21½ lbs charged at same rate - Arrived here at dark. A churning of 21 lbs butter was executed this evening.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 27 Proved to be first rate winter - snow flew. On the 26th GP.finished threshing wheat,winnowed & got in the same while made up the quantity on hand to 41 bhls - Estimate the whole crop at 61 bhls - we found indications of rats work in the corn loft - wedged up mortices in the timbers of the wagg. shed through which they had crept,hoping thereby to prevent any further intrusion from them Rode with wife & daughter to Algiers by way of E. road - She traded to am't of 90c paid at Aus B.& Co's - Saw the following gentlemen, viz. John Greenslet,David Weeks Jun, Cha's Thatcher, wm Gibbins, Sam'l Crawford & Jo Harwood. Untopp'd clover stack in N. Meadow.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 28 Snowed very lightly from S.E. growing mild - some beef was packed - stable floor fixed &c. Miss Lydia was bro't from H.Waters' in the morning and waited upon there again at night. Carried to Waters 22¾ lbs cheese,charged at 6½ c pr lb - G.P Harw'd butchered cow for Maj L.Norton,charged 50 c. Eli Carpenter's son hired cutter & buffalo to ride to New Lebanon,N.Y. price \$1. Perused Hist. Columbus down to the period of his death,May 1506, aged abt 70. Capt P.Dewey was this day carried off to Hudson Asylum or the Mad House at that place. Essence pedlar staid over night.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 29 Snow'd very sparingly - Moderate A.M. very cold night. Father & Geo worked on woodpile. Had business up St. Left directions with Ben R.Sears for making handle to double bladed hay knife. Saw H.Waters and hands engaged in shop working for Hinsdill. At D.Clarks had my name printed in large capitals on paste board - 3 copies a little varied

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as to space occupied by the letters - Calculated those letters to be cut out so as to admit of painting "H. Harwood" on buffalo skins, bags, casks &c. Gave cr to D.C. for it, 25cs. Paid a visit to uncle S. Robinson's - conversed very freely on various topics with cous. N.R. The old folks rode up street, came to H. Waters'. Did not stay long at cous. Nathan's - agreed with him to come & view a farrow cow which we wished to sell. From Str't bro't David Sibley to whom was deliv'd for Morton 12 lbs 6 oz butter. Orr W. Daniels drew wood for Norm Norton - Slept here this night. Ess Ped. took leave this morn'g - rec'd paym't in essence &c. 50" Sally mended & Adeline painted my name on buffaloes. This evening I read papers.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 30 Stiff wint. weather, bordering on the tedious. Hay knives were ground - saw horse made - some wood cut & sawed. Cous N.L. Robinson came to inquire about my giving him cr for cash paid tow'd pork deliv'd in Sept. 1830, found my cooks correct - had paid all up excepting 82" & interest for which I agreed to take a light sleigh whip & 18 cs in money. Bargained to him the farrow cow called "Old Harwood" in her 15th year. Agreed to tr ansp't  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons plast from Troy & give his note due 6 mo's for \$7 with use. Ira B. Dewey paid us a visit this evening - settled with him - gave him note for \$13 money whic I rec'd of him last April - Due in 6 mos with int - & due bill for 28c in women's work. Also rec'd on cr a remnant of good calf skin at such price as some honest shoemaker might make to it. Mr Wight arrived from Shaftsbury in pretty good spirits - health not quite at par.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 31 Cold & snowy from the S. or E., high w'd early in the eve'g. Mr Wight took an emetic & afterwards visited the St on foot - Father ode in the sleigh-cutter, half horse, half alligator, no cutter, no sleigh, half way between - nowhere - conveyed  $21\frac{1}{4}$  lbs butter to the family of Benj R. Sears, tow'd which I had rec'd \$1 in money. After his return the said nondescript cutter was lent to Mr Daniels family to attens a meeting somewhere - On Friday Orr in the same vehicle went with the blacksmith to see a farm in Shierkshire about which he had talked some of hiring the year ensuing. On Friday too rec'd hayknife with handle by B.R. Sears, for 38 cs. On same evening Carpenter's boy came & took cutter as agreed upon on Wed. 28th. Geo P. drew 2 lds wood for Tho's Kent from gen. Robinson's woods whence by means of his cousins & another team he had two other l'ds drawn. About sunset Nat L. with his father arrived in jumper - had just bo't buffalo at hat store for \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Gave note for cow & I assisted in driving her to beyond Haswell's. Called at D. Clark's & bo't N.Y's Gift for Hopkins

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-LaFayette Songster-charged on book 13 cts. At L. Patchin & Go's got several pairs spectacles, to bring home for mother to select a pair suited to her eyes - Saw Maj Haynes who spoke of the fine breed of hogs which he had formerly kept, was now destitute thereof - but knew where he could obtain one of the same & meant to buy. Mr D. Clark this evening said this was his birthday - 42 - born the last day of the year 1789. I had always tho't him older until now. Made up my Cash Acc't with B. Harwood & Son - From Dec 13 1830 to Dec 13 1831, Receipts & money in hand 1830, amt'd to \$858.09 Expenditures \$870.40 & up to this day Recp's were \$886.49 - Expdtrs \$895.62. Add to this R's moneys now in hand and the difference would be \$4.18 which is so much that I must say is unaccountable for.



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The month of Dec'r 1831 will be long remembered as having been most unusually severe - not only in these parts but throughout all the N'n section of the U.S. and I don't know but that we may see in the Southern too - There was but one real thaw during the month which was of short duration indeed - soon became very cold - See Dec 24 - Price of fodder of consequence grew high - say \$10 pr ton.

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Contin'd fast firm winter weather. Papers and writing employed me. Both sleighs being engaged abrid wife & daughter walked on foot to hear the preaching of Mr Hooker. Mr Wight attended service & returned to his quarters in Shaftsbury - Daniels boys severally paid us visits.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 2

Rather moderate, cldy, w'd W. Father & Geo P. worked on woodpile and washed 4 bbls wheat. I marched up to Hall's office on foot - found there W.S. Southworth, U.M. & Capt H. Robinson and Mr Fisk. Rec'd by the hand of s'd Southworth, after the departure of those gent., in full for pork sold to Mr Hall, the sum of \$19 for which gave receipt in full - Called on D. Love - gone to Shaftsbury - left no money for me - Called on & rec'd payment in full for 12½ lbs butter of Mrs Isaac T. Robinson. Saw Col Merrill and questioned him respecting the fiscal concerns of D.C. which he looked upon as yet safe. Came down the hill - By invitation got into S.H. Brown's cutter in which he drove to Algiers - he did errand at new store & went to Doolittle's. I called to see H. Germond who his mother said was gone to Wa -

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terford, N.Y. - she had mentioned my request to him & he had tried to obtain money from the Iron Corp. but without success. I should have it ere long - got all I anticipated - rode back with friend B. to his store - went directly to Dr Swift's and there made payment of interest up to the present date - reducing the principal a few doll's - took up small notes & gave 2 large ones - drawn in such form as to admit of putting them into Bank - due in one month - interest being added to the principal up to the expiration of that time - the first to Ed & his father for \$14.56 - the other for \$188.94 - made good settlement with Sanf'd & Brown from which it resulted that I was indebted to am't of \$18.54 - paid \$13 money and gave note for remainder - There were several people present, but before I tell who they were must mention that through mistake on their part they had omitted to enter against me a balance of \$1.11 due on stove pipe. Those persons alluded to were there waiting for the opening of a meeting at the meeting house, by the Church to consult on the business of engaging Mr Hooker as pastor for a longer or shorter period, as might be. Those recollected were, Dan'l Brackenridge, O.C. Merrill, Sam'l Lawrence, C. Cushman and N. Swift & Ed. H. As I left store halted a few moments in H. Waters shop - very busy there doing work for Hinsdill - made one more stop at Demings - saw a young man just now from Adams - supposed him a tinker bold. Mentioned to D. the circumstance quoted above respecting stove pipe & came home.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 3

Very moderate morning, cldy, light snow had fallen over night. P.M. wind breezed up strong from W. and in the eve'g blew hurricane like. Geo worked at wood pile. I conveyed



Hopkins to school. At D.Love's rec'd pay for pork in full \$17.71. Col Norton was present and said something respecting my keeping Jour'l. Came down to Sanf'd & Brown's & paid up note \$5.54 and for stovepipe in full \$1.11. Left spectacles to be mended at Dexters - Rode to J.Nort's store bo't 2 good axehelves & paid down 50 cts - Capt Chase came in - John tal talked with me about farming and made inquiry respecting woodland W. of us - Went on to John Harwood's and there settled acc't from Oct 11 1830 to this date - his side amt'd to \$9.77 mine to \$7.38 paid balance in mon ey \$2.39 - saw him enter settlement on his acc't B. Left - came down near Allen & Safford's - took in M.L.Selden & grist, which Mr Cutler bro't from mill over the bridge in his jumper, and came up to the

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meeting house, enjoying all the way the sociability of my old friend who related particulars of Kelly's bargain with Harmon or rather a history of what led to it. The main supposed he should gain \$500 a year from the representations of Mr Harmon. Selden tried to persuade him off the notion, but in vain, go he would and now where is he? S.likewist stated particulars of Day marrying his wife, dau. of the late Gid.Randall some 18 or 20 yrs ago - the girl lived a year or two at his fathers & it was his father that tied the knot. Suffered my friend to take mare & cutter to carry home his grist - he returned them with thanks at Sanf'd & Brown - told him he was entirely welcome - Paid N.Dexter 1/0 for mending spectacles - Came home in good season. Rec'd company this eve'g from town, viz N.L.Robinson, B.R.Sears, H.Waters & A.S.Hyde accomp'd by Mrs M.A. Sears, Mrs Lucy Fobes, Miss Emily Robinson, Miss Emily Sears & young Amanda Rob. Did not see but that everything passed off very agreeably. They left ab't 9 with the certain prospect of facing a very severe N.W. wind. Must mention that on Monday young Mr T.Carpenter returned cutter & equiptm't in good order - paid \$1 for use of it to N.Lebanon, N.Y. - enjoyed a fine ride & had the satisfaction of seeing the Shakers at service

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 4 Acutely cold morning - P.M. more moderate - cldy - strong wind arose in the S. at night. H.Waters & B R Sears commenced chopping & getting wood in Sam H.Brown's wood lot E. of the Indian field. Cous. G. with out team & sled drew 2 lds to Sears & got the third down to the highway - sawed Basswood along with B.Harwood Esq. Waters & Sears bro't their dinner with them and ate it here. On the first inst. we dropt off a number of cows which we had contin'd milk ing up to that day. Estimated quantity of butter made in Dec'r at 100 lbs. On the 3d inst broached hhd cider - Much pleased perusing Mr Mc Lane's Treasury Report this eve'g.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 5 Mild almost to a thaw and there fell a consid.quantiti ty of damp snow from S.E. - from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Geo P. arose early - drew 4 lds wood for B.R.Sears from B's woods - Hiram and Benj were joined by B's brother Charles - same occurred respec their dinner as on the 4th - Miss Lydia Harwood had business here this day - was politely waited upon to & fro by Hopkins in the cutter - Aman- ~~da~~ da Robinson closed her visit here this morning - Hames were suspend ed in smoake house smoking - some wood was

asunder by father. I took care of cattle & posted books. Young John Rob inson, son of the late G.R.paid us a short visit. Hopkins on acc't of ill health in the early part of the day, st'd out of school.



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I read Sec. of Navy's Rep't, which suited me pretty well - seemed rather to lack spirit and life - Commenced with that of the Sec. of War, but did not proceed far - laid it over for a future day - N.L. Rob. & Sylv. W. Daniels came here this evening - tarried only a short time. The former bro't a very religious good letter from aunt Lucy Waterman to his N's mother - read here and returned to him. My Mother was this day 66 years age - just 4 years younger than father - save 7 days - he becoming 70 on the 12th inst.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 6 Our warm weather produced a real thaw, which, however, did not last long enough to carry off all the snow. Forepart of the day snowed, rained & hailed altogether, finally became pur rain, but slacked up for several hours - rained again P.M. - ceased at night. Geo P. drew 4 lds wood for B.R. Sears. A quantity of Ind. corn was threshed out and some wood sawed. Assisted in the evening in expressing tallow from beef scraps. Perused newspapers too.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 7 Fair & pleas't - very icy - sleighing not so good as before the thaw - in parts where there was plenty of snow it was improved. Geo P. drew 3 lds wood for B.R. Sears. We were visited this morning by Deacons N. Swift & S. Hinsdill with subscription paper to which they were soliciting subscribers for the settlement of Edward H. Hooker as pastor over the Cong. Church and Society in Bennington. I read the instrument which allowed to subscribers, out of the Church, on giving six months notice, either to alter the sum subscribed or to withdraw altogether. In this way I affixed my name to the sum of \$6. They solicited a larger am't, but I was aware that that was enough, all things consid'd. Went to mill with six bbls corn & 1 bhl wheat borrowed of Dr N. Swift - Spent P.M. in the shop of John Harwood, had boots slightly mended. Read a part of the Sec. of War's Rep't which I found very entertaining and instructive. Saw Judah Harwood as I was about coming away - family no better - Was some tormented about a certain bargain which I had made some days since. In the evening found much satisfaction in perusing an account of the early Diplomatic Hist. of U.S. Art. 8 N. Amer. Review. This day returned the Hist. of The Life & Voyages of C. Columbus to Isaac Doolittle Esq or left it at his house which is the same thing - he being himself from home - See Aug. 19 -

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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 8 Cloudy, unpleas't - S. wind - Evening a fierce storm of frozen rain or hail commenced and held on over night. Having finished the perusal of the Article, "Early Diplomatic Hist. U.S." and that of "Jefferson's Correspondence", took no small degree of interest in looking through another on the "Navy" same No. No. Amer. Review, for April 1830. Orr W. Daniels passed the evening here. No preaching at our meeting house. There was, in the eve'g, said to have been a discourse pronounced by a Universalist at the C't house.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 9 Rained pretty heavily for awhile in the morning - afterwards snowed - w'd having come round W. or N.W. very icy and the sleighing was never better - nevertheless roads were splashy all day, not cold enough to freeze. With Hopkins rode to Algiers - called for grist of wheat at the mill - not ground - Troubled T. Davis with Hopkins surtout, the sleeves of which were made too small -



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mistake in cutting - left the garment with the tailor. Had mares shoes sharpened by H.Norton. Learned that there was to be a funeral this morning - the pensioner Mr Whipple formerly of Pownal had died, aged about 73. Visited Dr Chandler and received an assurance respecting his cow which satisfied me as to her having a calf in due season. Returned here & sawed wood - saws having been filed by Coffin. Evening in sleigh accompanied by Hopkins called at printing office - Saw Stephen, J.S. & U.M. Robinson and Darius Clark - of the last rec'd 1 No American Travellers - should print no paper this week. Conversation turned on E.M. who U.M. said was worth \$6000. John S., as I came away, lent me 2 No's of N.A. Review which he delivered at his office, or in the street against it - Drove to H.Waters' - rec'd him on board & went to Algiers - got grist at mill - called on Davis - work not finished - called at Dr Chandler's letting Hopkins go on with sleigh - settlement of accounts was made between Waters & C. Latter owed the former balance on house rent \$11.92 which was now allowed in payment for cow - the same being credited by me to H.Waters on book. Came on with s'd Raymone's cow to H.Waters' - thence home assisted by W.Ault. Hopkins waited upon his aunt Lydia home, her term of service having closed there - See Dec. 20. Geo P. repaired sled & drew 2 lds wood for B.R.Sears.

TUESDAY, (DEC) Jan 10 Moderate, cldy - thawed a little. Snowed from the S. in the evening. Wood was sawed & piled, and at night the 8 ton haystack was uncapped. Geo P. drew 4 lds wood for Sears.

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Orr W.Daniels had cutter to go to Hoosick - let him have my obligations against Southworth & Brown - 4 Corners - of whom as a favor I requested payment in a letter. Mrs Loan Dewey paid Mother a visit this evening. I was much taken up in reading an article in the Register on the Life & Character of Lord Brougham - that gr't & good man. This is in the No. for July 1831. Sausages were made by Lyd's & Sally.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 11 Calm, moderate pleasant winter weather, but came round cold in the evening. Much snow in the woods. Geo P. drew 4 lds wood to the house of B.R.Sears & left his 5th in the road near S.H.Brown's ready for morning. Benj Sears & H.Waters were chopping and drawing wood on Brown's lot on a large scale, employing 4 different teams in the business. I was there twice this day. I fed cattle at the stack and attended to many small jobs among which was that of partitioning the horse stable so as to admit of stabling another cow. Father and mother rec'd a visit from Lieut S.Safford & lady - the old gent being now near the end of his 77th year - very active too. Orr W.Daniels arrived from Hoosick - paid, like a man, 50" for use of cutter. Returned my obligations & letter, on the back of the latter was a dry endorsement signifying that the money would be forwarded on the day agreed upon - So much for an address to a man's generosity. Pretty good fellow that pays when his debts are due. I should never have troubled them if my debts had been small, but when I reflected that the Swift's were drawing int. to the am't of more than \$2.50 per month felt that I should have liked well to have had the means to pay them up - so I requested my Hoosick friends, thinking possibly they might have the money on hand, as a favor to hand over. Evening was highly entertained with the article in the Review on "The Prospect of Reform in Europe". Geo in the evening rode in cutter with Hopkins to Algiers, called Mr Davis, the tailor and rec'd Hopkins' new surtout - it fitted him handsomely.



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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 12 Rather hazy and severely cold - w'd N. Geo drew 4 lds wood to B.R.Sears' & one to S.H.Browns' ready for mornings start. Finished reading, this evening, the very good Art. mentioned on the 11th & commenced with "Pennsylvania Biography". Benj Harwood was this day 70 years of age and in good health. Some talk was had with H.Waters this noon, as he came down to dine on his boiling bean porridge, respecting the cost of building a barn 36 feet square, which we stood much in need of, but alas, too poor to execute. Very bad for farmers to be in debt - We know this to our sorrow.

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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 13 Mild & pleas't - first rate sleighing. Accomp'd by Lydia in cutter conveyed grist wheat to mill - Rode up tow'ds Weeks', halted at Elkanah Barney's to inquire the road to cous Judah Harwood's which being pointed out, thither we proceeded say  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.W. from the highway. Here we saw a dau. of cous. Judah in a most distressed situation - Perhaps her age might be not far from thirty. Disease had worn her down almost to anstomy - feet terribly swollen and at times acutely painful - felt no appetite for food and was now under the operation of a burning fever - Her disorder was so seated as to prevent her from enjoying rest in the usual way in bed, but had to be bolstered up in her chair to get what rest, if the word could in any manner be applied to her case, she did enjoy. The room in which we saw her was up-stairs, next the roof, but seemed very comfortable - very well warmed by a small round stove. Notwithstanding the deplorable condition to which she was reduced her conversation was springly & interesting and she appeared to possess a degree of cheerfulness altogether beyond what might have been expected. My attempt at description in this case is mockery - The physicians had tried faithfully to restore her to health without the least shadow of success. Doct. Chandler had not been there for 2 months - but being sent for this day to prescribe for one of the little boys who had taken cold & been exercised for 2 or 3 hours with vomiting, but who previous to the doct's coming had got over it - came and paid her a visit. The visit from us seemed to give her great satisfavtion - wanted us to renew it, which we promised to do. She gave a regular history of the causes which laid the foundation of her sickness, say of 3 or 4 years standing, and of its progress up to the present time. We left a few articles of provision & departed - Got whest flour at the mill - left Lydia at H.Waters', transacted business at the stores besides gallanting Mrs Coffin and sist. Elizabeth from her house over to H.Waters'. Returned home - assisted in taking care of cattle & in the evening with wife, children & Geo. P.Harwood rode to uncle S.Robinsons where we had an excellent visit. Uncle Saff'd & cous. U.M. being present. Late in the eve'g cous. N.L. ret'd from attending a party of young people convened at E.Montague's. After 11 when we got home, warmed & retired for the night. Geo P. drew his usual number loads wood for Sears.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 14 Pleasant without alloy - good flax weather. Geo. drew 4 loads wood for B.R.Sears - a quantity of wood was cut and split.



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P.M. rode away with wife & son. Undertook to pay Mrs Duncan a visit - She was from home - house entirely deserted - drove up to Dimmick's, called on the widow to learn where Mrs D. might be found, they knew not, guessed she was at her son's Sam's on the old Staunton place. Mrs D. excused the appearance of her house by saying they were making mince pies. I loosely replied that I was glad she possessed means for making such pies - that she was going to live well. We descended the hill, struck off for Alg. - met G.Potter, wife, Mrs D. and others in a sleigh returning from the furnace. Gave Mrs D. a pie which we had designed for her and drove on - spent a few moments at J.Rog's - Was told that Mrs Ruth P her son Andrew &c would come to our house this P.M. I promised to bring up Cath. to join the party in the eve - but we saw nothing of them after coming away. On our way home called at H.W's for Adeline who they told us was at M.S.Norton's at a party. At home we found the persons above mentioned from Hoosick including young Jane and little Mary Elizabeth. Mrs P. brought report of the death of her mother - aged 76 - but it was not positively known to be correct, as no letter had been rec'd from our friends at Greenville where she resided - I read acc't of journey thither in Aug. 1825 in Jour'l.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 15 Mild, pleas't thawy. Fine moonlight eve. Enjoyed some reading in Spect. paper - but having a long a/c with Hinesdill to transcribe for H.Waters amounting in value to more than \$500 robbed me of time which I should have spent otherwise. Wrote a letter to Jarvis Stone & family of Greenville, N.Y. to inquire respecting the death of Mrs Stone. Wrote another to Gid Smedley & lady trying mainly to draw from them a reply. Or & Sylv Daniels visited here in different parts of the day. Suffered most of our cows to go unstabled at night. Diadamia & babe were here on visit. Andrew & Adeline took sleigh ride to Algiers this evening.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 16 Warm & pleas't - Fine eve'g, hazy. Geo contin'd drawing wood for B.R.Sears - 3 lds to his house & 1 to the road. Working up & piling wood under shed was home employ't. Cousin Andrew gallanted Adeline to the Furnace. Dined at J.Rogers' & P.M. departed with his mother & sisters for Hoosick Falls, by way of Sherwood's. Rec'd visit from Mrs Andrews who bro't with her a handsome pocket organ of very pretty tone - the music was handsome. Late in the day, we, father & self, rode to Mr Jacob Pool's to see a cow which he wanted to exchange for that which we had of R.Moon - Oct 12 - which being farrow we agreed to put off for his that would have a calf in the spring.

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BENNINGTON, JAN'Y 17 1832

Rec'd papers at the printing office - left letters at the Post Of. & came home - bringing H.Waters with us - who went away again early in the eve'g. Rec'd a very fine visit this evening from J.Rogers, Mrs R. and Horatio Stone. Mr R. waited upon Mrs Andrews home before he came into the house - had B.Squires' fine cutter. J.R. told particulars of the journey of B.Squires & others with Capt P.Dewey. Also informed us of Tommy Mattison having a hog which was estimated to weigh 820 lbs.



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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 17 Soft S.wind - thawing rapidly - sleighing nearly ruined. G.P.Harwood drew 5 lds wood up street & 1 to the road ready for next morning. My father & self rode abroad together - drove to Alg - the former paid his respects to cous. M.Chase while I called at the house of capt. Jacob Safford - saw the capt - shook hands said he was in usual health, but so decrepit had he become in his lower extremities that he could hardly drag one foot after the other - Born in 1752 - Nov. My business was with H.Germond who I had been told was dangerously ill but they considered him convalescent, or say, getting better - said my note should be paid as soon as he got well enough to attend to business - at present the Iron Comp'y would pay out no money because they said they had none on hand - Doolittle said they were shortly going to receive a goodly supply - all must wait patiently. This conference being over, besides seeing Alanson Lyman, departed for north p't of Bennington - halted short time at P.Harwood's - men absent in woods - Mrs Harw'd s'd she would send for her husb'd - we went on to T.Mattesons paid visit to Mr Alexander & lady - former 88 - the latter nearly 77. The old gent. not sociable - would answer such questions as were put to him, pretty correctly - the old lady seemed to retain her faculties pretty clearly - cooked her own board & performed her own house work - could handily pass a joke - They had resided on their farm now about 53 years - amassed a handsome property which would ultimately pass into the hands of Mr Matteson. We intended to see the big hog - but the young man who had the key to the stable ~~at~~ door which opened into his apartment, was absent - so we departed without having our curiosity gratified - Ret'd to Capt Perez's and enjoyed fine visit. Saw young Finch who appeared to be studying some science or other. Mrs Upham & Mrs Cushman came there on a visit. Capt P. & son Hiram were engaged in getting wood for Deac. Hinsdill - Signed for Minister \$7. annually - After supper, broke off conversation which father held with Mrs C. & came away.

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Left those letter written on Sunday at the P.O. - This is a repetition - Procured Gazette at the printing office - under John C.Haswell. During our absence Mr Pool had bro't down his cow and driven away the other as talked of on Monday. Adeline was gallanted to Huntington's in Shaftsbury by Charles Haswell - There was a company of 4 cutters including one sleigh - or say 3 cutters & 1 two horse sleigh. By mismanagem't Erastus Y.Clark drove horse & cutter into a mill pond at the stone square shop - was extricated from his unlucky position by help of neighbors & workmen without receiving any serious damage - They returned home in good season. Was well pleased with the Review in the evening. The remarks on the thaw of this day, better applied to that which followed - sleigh would go well until night with few exceptions.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 18 Thawed rapidly - rained - wind warm from S. Geo P. drew up 1 ld wood for B.Sears - Made and fixed in roller - some wood was sawed - Rec'd company late P.M. - Joseph Goodell and E.Montague - the eldest boy of the latter had rec'd dangerous wound by straw-cutter - knee pan cut off - would doing well. They said scab prevailed dreadfully among farmers flock's in this vicinity - Evening perused N.A.Review on Philosophy &c - H.Waters came down latish - I looked at music. Considered our cattle as doing finely at the stack. As to Mr Goodell we were much pleased to receive a call from him - his family were all in good health and doing well - we were obliged also to friend M. for being so good as to accompany his old friend here - wish always to be on good terms with old neighbors.



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THURSDAY, JAN'Y 19 Thaw contin'd - sleighing spoiled - fields & pastures were coated very ruggedly with snow. Streams high, wind changed to N.W. Wood was chopped & sawed. Rode in wagg. up street Called at Chandler's - nobody in the shop - went over to Balls - had axe helve burnt out of axehead & afterwards got H.Waters to fit in new helve Saw Geo Norton Sen at Ball's - appeared to be a journeyman there - wanted to buy 1/4 lb indigo - inquired at F.B. & Co's the price - said 1/0 pr oz would sell as low as anyone - visited Sanf'd & Brown's - made same inquiry - rec'd same reply - afterwards they said I might have it at 15" the oz. - so I took the article - booked 60" - Sam H. Brown had arrived from Charlotte. While at H.Waters' S.Walbridge came to settle with H.Waters about the heavy hog which the latter had bo't of the former - came to \$28.87½ at \$5½ per cwt - Hiram paid him by way of order on his son Stebbins D. who stood indebted to him a considerable amount - There was no written order but it was a mutual & fair understanding among the three. Paid H.

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Waters 1 bhl 3 qts Ind. corn to balance meal borrowed in Dec. to send to capt E.Waters' people. Saw a handsome young cow in Church's garden which H.Waters pronounced very fine - supposed I might have a chance to buy her. This evening perused Woodbridge's Geography & practised music

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 20 Mild, wind changed to W. & to N.W. Lost during the night, or perhaps early this morning, one of our best cows - active & in good order - doing well in every sense of the word - had given milk from early in May up to this time - was found lying with her back down hill - turned down so far that she could not get her feet to the ground - in the S. barnyard a few feet from the W. stable door. Her name was "Double Teat" - ten years old the ensuing spring - in April would have been worth \$25.00 We saved the hide which weighed 61 lbs & sold it T.Hills & rec'd in full \$3.66. Got out enough more in tallow & hoofs to make it up to \$4. Estimated loss at \$20. Pursued usual business, working up wood. Sylvanus W.Daniels was drawing wood for N.J. Norton past the house - Attended to Geog. in the eve. Cous. Marg't Harwood arrived from Troy on visit - and likewise Miss Rachel Isabel from uncle Samuels for same purpose.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 21 There was a thin covering of snow on ground and some addition made thereto this morning - pretty cold & cldy - wind rather high & strong from N.W. Commenced foddering out the last half of the 3rd & last stack of hay - Stock - 28 cows - 1 Y.Oxen & 1 mare. Contin'd working up & piling wood - cous. G. very much worried at night. Sylvanus contin'd drawing wood as above. Orr W.Daniels came up near night and solicited me to give security to the Jail Commissioners so they might give him the liberty of the "Yard" as we say - Wrote a line which I suppose answered the purpose - but it was in pretty awkward form showing me very ignorant of the common forms necessary to doing business correctly. Read Review on Diffusion of Useful Knowledge, Geog., & played flute. Hiram Waters came down late in the evening and said he had this day made settlement in full with N.Swift and N.Swift & Son - took up all former obligations and gave new one for the sum of \$317.65



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SUNDAY, JAN'Y 22 South wind all day - too cold to thaw - snow crusty and dry in woods - Assisted in getting wood - 5 loads  
 Cr Orr W. Daniels 1 day chopping wood - very cheerful & sociable - Geo P. drove the team. We felled a fine bass wood which yielded 3 saw logs.  
 Eve'g perused Am. Biog. Art. Gen. Greene - Good - Conversed with cous. Marg't

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TUESDAY, JAN'Y 24 S. wind contin'd - thawed fast - began to rain at night - Sleighing spoiled in this neighborhood. We got down six basswood saw logs. Sylv's Dan's contin'd drawing wood for Norman Norton. On Monday broke sleigh tong & wrecked an ox sled - hard fortune for friend Norman. The lady and babe of H. Waters accomp'd by our sister Lydia in cutter took their departure for his house late P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 25 A very sudden change of weather occurred this morn'g from rain to snow - from mild to severe cold - Strong w'd from N.W. - The snow was but light. I was employed chiefly at Hiram Waters & filing receipts, old notes, Bills, orders &c. Came home early in the evening. Geo P. threshed corn and made cow bows. B.R. Sears & R. Mather were shop mates for H. Waters.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 26 Said to be the coldest morning known the present cold season. Cous. G.P. Harwood regulated cow stables I pursued same business for H. Waters again. Hazy, very cold.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 27 Contin'd masterly cold, but less so than on Thurs, - what we call fair. On Thursday I contin'd busy with Waters' papers until 9 in the evening. I now this day bro't it to a close - filed and arranged nearly all his papers. At F. Blackmer & Co bo't on cr 14" worth rope and enjoyed a few moments gaiety hearing Sol' Wright Jun tell the doings of the Mormonites with the addition of some anecdotes, and a few more of the latter description from A. Robinson Esq. On returning home found friend Em. Gleason here from Shaftsbury - came down in a jumper.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 28 Severely cold, less so however than on the 27th - very cutting wind from the S. - yellow haze, cldy at the S. 27th G.P. drew 2 saw logs to the Colvin & Sage mill - left grist wh't at grist mill, and this day drew wood from Brown's woods to H. Waters for said Hiram. H.W. assisted in that business - employed his friend Benj R. Sears with team in so doing - 27th & this day. I went to Doolittle's mill accomp'd by Emerson Gleason. Paid Doct. Jon Chandler in full for cow \$7.08 - took up due bill same am't. Saw and conversed with Mr Joseph Chase - N.p't Petersburg, N.Y. - he had sold 13 bbls wheat to Doolittle for \$1.28 pr bbl. While waiting for grinding went up to Colvins' and procured peck oil meal for Or.W. Daniels whose money was sent to pay for it - pd 0/6. Saw Doct Chandler at Mr Savage's - the old lady wvery sick. After returning

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 to the mill went over to the Red Cott. Factory with Emerson - looked machinery while he very closely held a girl in conversation - said her name was Gates - was from the E. side Gr. Mountains. Obtained the grinding of wheat & corn - came away - Alg's street from B. Squires' to



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near Jed Dewey's covered with ice. In old street bo't rope, 22 feet - Sanf'd & Brown, chgd 19". Emerson left me to see Ed H. Swift and others, before calling at s'd store - had been up hill to D. Clark's - got Gazett and borrow'd 6th V. of Gibbon in order to read his life as written by himself - Born April 1737 - O.S. <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> - Perused first the paper and then the book in the evening - Or & Emerson here. Must mention that on Friday Gov Tichenor came in to see Diadama & child - of the last said many fine things - said it was a much more plump looking healthy child than that of Mrs Heavenworth about 3 months old - said he should be 78 yrs old in Feb. next. We did not know that capt. Ebenezer Chase had died on the 20th inst until we saw it mentioned in the Gazette - aged 88 yrs Cousin Marga't contin'd pleasantly visiting with us.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 29 Snowed lightly & steadily from N. Wife, 2 child'n and cous. Marg. went to meeting in cutter. Cousin N.L. Robinson came down - paid us short visit - rec'd \$7.50 for buying plaster - took 4 sacks & departed - During the past week Sylv W. Daniels was almost constantly employed in drawing wood for Norm'n Norton - Orr likewise found employ't a part of the time chopping wood for friend Norman. On Friday Mrs Waters rec'd the comp'y of Mrs M.A. Sears who appeared in fine spirits - Dined with her husb'd & H. Waters & family. Sunday tow'd eve'g friend Emerson took his departure for home.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 30 Terrible E. blow, attended with snow, hail and rain - so severe as to prevent the execution of much business abroad. Hiram Waters' sign was blown off with a part of the chimney against which it was placed - Father & Geo took fatherly care of the stock. I copied acc'ts for H. Waters - against B.R. Sears had charged \$3330.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 31 Cold morn'g, fair, pleas't wint. day. Geo P. drew basswood logs to Olin & Colvins' mill - Employed as above by H. Waters. At Hicks' rec'd in full by the hand of Southworth of the firm of S. & Brown \$557.40 for cheese - in presende of many persons in the bar room - Of the above money paid \$500 to Dr N. Swift who was sick in his bed.

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Could not find those notes given on the 2d inst - said Ed H. was at Hins dills, would come home in the evening - so early in the evening I went there again & paid the balance in full, \$3.43 - Ed had not yet arrived - next morn'g called & rec'd my notes - so we owed nothing but good will to N.S. and N. Swift & Son. Staid until late in the eve'g writing for H Waters - Miss Betsey Street made short visit there. I settle Book Acct with Sam'l Chandler - Har'd \$11.07 - Chand. \$10.14 - due me 93 cs.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 1 Mild and fair - snowed at night. Early this morning N.L. Robison deliv'd 18 hund. Nova Scotia plaster bo't of the old Scotchman in Troy - upper mill. Paid cous. N.L. the remainder due tow'd 1½ tons plaster, \$4.50 - Paid the other part on Sunday. Geo P. drew the last ld of sawlogs to the mill - I closed for the present business at H. Waters' - Marg't & Adeline rode up on Geo's load for visit at H.W's - All includ'g Lydia Harw'd came home together in cutter or rather attempted it. Came this side Brooks' - found Or W. Daniels with a horse down in such manner that I had to help raise him - no damage ensued - be bestrode the beast again & I walked by his side to the



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rock in front of Dr Swifts or nearly there & there got on board of cutter with Sol'o Bennett of Pownal, who said in 1824 he fattened and butchered 3 small boned hogs of the usual age which together weighed lbs 1800 Had now a steer which would weigh 1500 lbs. Ed H. Swift commenced business in Co with Stephen Hinsdill - the last was in the street this day - transacted some business with H. Waters. A reply to my letter of Jan 15, Dated Greenville - Jan 23d 1832 was rec'd - Family in usual health - the old lady alive & in as good health as could be expected from persons of her age - Complained of the hardship of providing for her without assistance from others of the family - wished us to forw'd s'd letter to Brother Parsons & sist. Ruth. Requested an answer without loss of time.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 2 Warm, thawy, thawed most rapidly late P.M.. The last of H. Waters' wood was transported to the house of H. W. from B's woods - almost 3 loads - charged \$1 payable in joiner work. I assisted some in loading s'd wood, besides getting it from under the snow. Brown's teams were out in like employ't, also those of Capt H. Robinson, himself driving his horses - the former to Sanford's - the latter from his fathers' woods home. Sister Lydia & Cous. Marg't were waited upon to H. Waters' by father near night. Miss Adeline M. attended an eve'g party at Wm Haswell's - C.H. the gallant. My cold raged badly with me - Perused pretty attentively the life of Ed'd Gibbon, who was a great scholar & accomplished Historian.

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BENNINGTON, FEB'Y 3d 1832

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 3d Thaw continued, sleighing in this vicinity appeared to be ruined - Rained a good deal within the hours of this day. I will now attempt giving a few particulars respecting hay Since the stack had been broached on the 10th Jan had failed but one day of constantly feeding the cows there besides a few instabces of foddering the oxen at the same place, so that altho there were a few hund's remaining of it which were this morn'g bro't to the barn could but fairly compure that it lasted up to the middle of this day. The quantity of that precious article now on hand in the barn might be computed at 27 or 28 tons. East of the floor there were a few hund's on the scaffold and the average height of the mow in the bay would rwah to ten feet, squaring with the bay itself - W. side a gash of 3 or 4 feet wide had been cut down along the whole S. side - the contents of half this jog were unexpended, and the main mow in height reached, on an average, near the level of the underside of the gr't beam. These mows furnished our foraging resources only for 28 cows, 1 yoke oxen and a fine large bay mare. See Jour'l last Wint. on this subject Jan 10-20, Feb 16.22, March 9, 14, 19, Apl 6, 29 &c. Father & Geo contin'd working at wood. I was too much under with my cold to do much - cleared the stables of manure and assisted in sawing off points of 3 cows horns. Adeline & Hopkins enjoyed a muddy bare-ground sleigh ride from H. Waters' home. Still perused Life of Gibbon which is pretty & interesting.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 4 Icy - had rained over night, unpleas't, cldy 7 chilly Father & Geo P. contin'd busy at the old employment. Grew worse from cold - Took a real heat from the stove in the evening - took six of mother's pills and some essence of peppermint - went to bed & had a good nights rest. Mrs Daniels came up on a visit here this PM. Talked the fire out of a burn which mother had accidentally taken in one of her hands by coming in contact with the hot stove - Mr D. waited upon



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her home at night in his jumper. Orr & S.W.D. were here in the eve'g or perhaps only the latter. Both visited us on Sunday & laid in largely for shirt making. Ira B. Dewey went from here late on Friday evening - gave me encouragement of letting me have about \$50 in money on the first of April ensuing.

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SUNDAY, FEB'Y 5 Snowed moderately all day. Perused ~~Amer~~. Hist. in Gibbon & Bigland. Suffered much from bad cold - better than on Saturday n't. No going to church here this day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 Raw & chilly - good sleighing again, snowed in the eve'g. Visited Post. & Pr. offices - waited upon James Harwood up to

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Hicks'. Let mare & cutter for Southworth to go to Artm's Mattisons, Shaftsbury - p'd at night for same 45". Saw blacksmith Bates who used formerly to work for Aaron Norton - Saw very fine stage coach sleigh under Hicks' shed - Came home on foot with friend James who commenced, about noon, making shoes here - Rec'd new coarse boots which he had made at his shop. Perused History in the evening - Had bad cold too. Cous. N.L. Robinson delivered here 15 cwt N.S. Plaster - making in all 33 cwt bringing the bill up to \$1.80 over what first talked of - s'd \$1.80 was by request endorsed upon the \$7.00 note given by him Dec 31 1831 - whole cost of plast. \$19.80. Father & Geo P. were away upon the wood-pile slowly - the latter rec'd letters from Doct McKee of Arlington inviting him to work for him the year ensuing. Contin'd reading History in the evening.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 7 Really cold but fair, father & Geo busy at wood. The E. hay mow, now 10 or 12 high measuring from the ground was first cut across through the center, from the E. end of the barn to the (floor) front side next the floor. Rode up Street - At Loves' heard Mr Briggs who was formerly a tenant to Aus. Harmon, relating particulars of a visit to Cumberland College, Kentucky, where he solicited the office of overseer of the farm belonging to said institution for a salary of \$365., but which he declined accepting on account of their very strange way of living - odd mode of conducting business - his peculiar gift in describing his journey, the implements of husbandry, manners of the people, meanness of their buildings, face of the country, products &c &c kept his hearers (among whom were Col. M. Norton, Ol Abell L. Patchin, Norm. Edgerton, who himself had seen much and a great deal more of that part of the world than Mr B. and could confirm many of his assertions with some additional anecdotes) upon the titter as much as one hour - he said he was like the girl who related her Religious Experiences, saying she loved every body & everything. Saw Gid House here. At the Printing O. saw Capt Ketchum whom I took to be A.J. Haswell - afterwards saw A.J. Haswell to whom I spoke - he wanted to know if Geo had rec'd his letter from Dr McKee? At H. Hall's rec'd rec'd 3 No's of the N. Am. Review for Jan., Apl & Oct of last year - Saw Isaac Ripley who told me he was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 1779 - He first was in our neighborhood at the age of 19 learning the tanner trade of Jas Street. By request of Sylvanus W. Daniels who was this day drawing wood for Norman Norton, ordered Mr Ball to make a small ring to the ox yoke for said Norman. Rec'd pr Fairfield \$1.04 in full for butter which he rec'd Jan'y 28 - Bo't of Sanf'd & Brown 1 lb tea, 80cs, booked. Bargained with Gep P. Harwood for another year's work for \$110.00 & making shirts &c.



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(THURSDAY, FEB) Snowy in a moderate degree. Lydia, Diasamia & cous.  
 WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 8 Marg't arrived from H. Waters - the two first went home again at night. I performed little on acc't of cold. Friend James Harwood left his Cobbler's Throne & walked home late P.M.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 9 Contin'd more or less stormy all day ending in hail & more mild air at night - Really tedious too during P.M. Business contin'd the same as heretofore - to which Geo very closely adhered - father was a little in rear - while I was much in the background. Cous. Marg't pleasantly contin'd her visit. Sylv Dan's drew wood for N. Norton. Perused Biog. Notice of H. Clay who was born April 12 1877, in Virginia - Hanover County.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 10 Cold - much snow on the ground. Assisted some in working up wood. Waited upon wife & daughter - first to L. Patchin & Co's where there was nothing which exactly suited then to Aust B. & Co's where 8 yds calico was bo't & paid for, \$2.40 - twenty five cents worth more of something was added & our purchase was ended - saw fr'd Eli Carpenter there who appeared to be buying boards of the firm - was pretty full of jokes respecting my credit - Likewise passed compliments with Joseph Case, Petersburg. At Sanf'd & Brown's 2 yds cott. cloth was bo't on cr - 30 cs - total am't for Ad. \$2.95 In the eve'g perused the Review on the Library of Useful & Entertaining Knowledge - We began to feel alarmed respecting hay.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 11 Cloudy, heavy S. wind, began thawing rapidly at night, rained some, wind very high. Woodpile still suffered. Or W. Daniels started for Berlin, N.Y., conveyed cous. Marg't to Worthington's, Petersburg. Sylvanus drew wood for N. Norton. We in the eve'g rec'd young company from Hoosick Falls - Hiel K. Parsons, Ellen M., Polly Sally M. & Ruth J. Parsons. Cous G.P. procured the N.Y. Spect of Judge L. Norton for several weeks past, giving an account of the affair of Mr Van Buren in the U.S. Senate &c. Read speeches of Mr Webster & others on that question.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 Continued thawing seriously. Our little comp't left us late in the morning. Very cloudy, remarkably dark. Orr W. Daniels arrived from Berlin sometime before noon. So dark I was much plagued to see to write. Sent Mrs Ruth Parsons a copy of her brother's Jarvis' letter to us rec'd on the first inst. Added a few lines of my own to it, but in a separate space.

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MONDAY, FEB'Y 13 Frozen up once more - wind N.W. no sleighing. Wood nearly all chapped up. The papers at this time were much engaged for & against the rejection of M. Van Buren as Minister to England - Rather think it was a just act - Let us keep our party quarrel at home. Walked up street, saw Fayette Dickinson respecting corn - he refused agreeing to take 5/0 Y'k pr bhl for it & did not like to name a day for the delivery of it. I chose not to give up the bargain at the going price at the time of delivery which I told him would best accommodate me from this date until the 10th of March. Saw V.D. Speigle & J. Loomis Jr in H's barroom, talking of horses chiefly. Dickinson said



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he thought he the corn would be deliv'd sooner than the day I mentioned. Mr Cobb visited us & fixed the clock which he set a running.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 14 Chilly S.w'd, snowed at night. Busy at wood. Lydia was gallanted to H.Waters' by cous. Geo.who procured Gazette. Adeline M.H. was conveyed in jumper by Cha's F Sears to D.Clark to attend an evening party.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 15 Sleighing restored in some measure by light snow. Moderate until tow'd eve'g when a light snow commenced growing cold. Besides attending to wood there were washed 4 bbls wint wheat. H.Warren one of S.H.B's choppers complained of a bbl of beef rec'd in payment for chopping. Our friend & neighbor Capt P.Dewey who was carried to Hudson last week of Dec. for the purpose of having him restored to his reason, and institution being provided at that place for persons of that description, returned home on Tuesday evening, apparently sane, but not wholly in possession of his wonted health & strength.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 16 Cold and freezing - severe wind - not however very heavy from N.W. Geo was almost exclusive worker at wood. Father rode with Adeline in cutter to B.R.Sears', staid a short time - came down to H.Waters' - left Ad. took Mrs D.Waters & paid short visit to Mrs Webster & her daughter Mrs D.Weeks Jun who had a young child 4 or 5 weeks old - not doing right well. Came back to H.Waters'. Returned home and then on foot walked to Mr Loomis' and visited the old gentleman & lady. Came home in the evening. After attending to usual concerns at the barn wrote a reply to the letter of Jarvis Stone rec'd on the first inst. Excused not writing sooner on acc't of having entertained a notion of paying him & family a visit and likewise waiting for a letter from G.Smedley. Wrote an account of him as stated Dec 23d which I suppose was a repetition of my letter of Jan 15. Expressed much satisfaction at the old lady's health & comfortable circumstances, acknowledged the justice of his complaint respecting the support of his mother - promised him assistance in some way or other. Mentioned the

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fair alluded to Oct 27 1830. Excused Mrs P. in regard to rendering assistance in her mother's case. Took a view of our circumstances in which I endeavored to do away wrong impressions as to the power of furnishing aid in the case under consideration - wound off with particular regards to mother Stone, all the rest of the family & all inquirers. Added a few words respecting D.Waters - See Dec.20 - The above letter I conveyed to the P.Office and had it regularly delivered: entered.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 17 Cold morning - grew more mild as the day advanced - cloudy hazy - Drove business at woodpile. Mr Wight arrived here from Shaftsbury in the evening - School doing well.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 18 Moderate, cldy, sleighing poor. Wood nearly all worked up. Wrote a letter to Chas Wells No Adams to have him forward me the dimensions of his cheese press - Walked up to the Borough with friend Wight - lent him 50 cs - Bo't 1 lb tea of F.B. & Co on B'k. Ret'd 3 No's N.A.Review to Hall's. Visited W.S.Southworth at his office - several persons happened singly & in pairs. Asa Matteson, Shaftsbury, S.Danforth, P.Wright, Pownal, &c Saw the Washington Globe (pap'r) Read Debate on Tariff wherein Mr Clay got displeased with



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Gen'l Smith, M'd. Went to John S. Robinson's office - he had to go away to attend to a suit (with) for a young fellow who came in - said I might stay & read as long I wished to & could carry away with me any Reviews that might suit me - I did stay sometime - Saw some of his father's old newspapers from Washington 3 1802-3 - He had requested me to take Swifts "Tale of a Tub" - I hunted up Peter Pindar & another book which I perused awhile - pocketed the 3 to carry home, previous to which left a line on his table showing what I had done - that I would carefully use & safely return the same & if wrong he must say so the first time he should see me. Went to shoemaker Clark's & got 3 prs shoes to carry home for Adeline, from among which she wanted to choose a pair at \$1.25 - others to be returned on Monday next. At the printing office or more properly in the reading room, spent some time talking on the Tariff & the spirit of tax times with Col Merrill & Sol Clark - the former being on the terrific & the latter and myself on the fair side of the question - Chapin - young Chapin was there and favored the Col. with his oar. My say was but little & came early in the eve'g - supped & read a part of Clay's Tariff Speech.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 19 Moderate, some rainy & cloudy - Perused such things as fell in my way - Pet Pindar, Bigland, Swift's Tale of a Tub, or rather

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the article at the end of the book. Finished reading Clay on the tariff and a part of Haynes in reply. Orr W. Daniels paid us his respects. Wrote by him a polite kind of dunning letter to H.C. Germon, composed in language plying perhaps from the usual strain on such occasions - but by no means offensive. Also by Or forwarded bill to Ja's Harwood to awaken him on the subject of shoe making. Mother was ill in the eve'g. Miss Lydia waited upon her.

MONDAY, FEB'Y 20 Snowed all day - storm increased P.M. & eve'g. Dr Swift visited mother, bled her in the arm & c. talked a good deal on the tariff and subjects connected therewith. Father & myself rode to the print. O. where I rec'd thankfully & rather unexpectedly \$2. of Darius Clark tow'd cider deliv'd last Fall. With cous. N. L. Robinson rode to his father's, here we found aunt Sarah & cous. Amanda full of employ't. Uncle Sam'l was prepared to go mill & elsewhere - but delayed starting sometime for the sake of conversing with us. Aunt S. bro't forw'd a letter she had lately rec'd in reply to one she had previously written to her cous. Jehiel Barnum of Enosburgh, Vt., in which there was an account of his religious experience at the time of their 4 Days Meeting in June 1831 - Himself & most of his family had since become members of the Cong. Church in that town - Bro't home s'd letter which was read to father & mother. Busy the remainder of the day with the Speech of Haynes & T. of a Tub. Those shoes mentioned on Saturday with the exception of a pair selected for Adeline were ret'd to Levi Clark to wait for his pay 1 month, \$1.25

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 21 Goodly quantity of snow on the gr'd, fine sleighing allowing some abatement for drifts. Became fiercely cold, high w'd N.W. First visited Dr N. Swift who engaged me money so as to enable me to pay for 100 bbls corn which I purposed buying of A. Kinsley - rode to the house of the man last mentioned - found him surrounded by a numerous family - accepted of an invitation to dinner -



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afterwards bargained for 100 bbls at 60 cs pr bhl although I knew it was said corn might be bo't at 58 cs - I saw his & was satisfied that the quality was excellent - hay being scarce might not get such a chance to do so well - so the bargain was closed by agreeing to have all but one l'd deliv'd at his house - s'd l'd to be deliv'd here - tomorrow or next day. Ret'd to H. Waters' - wrote & left a line at Hicks' to Fayette Dickinson to inform him of having bargained as above & therefore should not want what I had talked of having of him his friend Griswold - Before night got home - Perused Bigland on German Hist. and the nonsense of Swift in his Tale of a Tub. Geo P. felled an app. tree which was called "Grandfather's Tree" because the fruit it bore was a favorite kind with Peter Harwood, my gr'd father - stood        paces E. of N. of our old dwelling - a building, the frame of which was raised in the fall of 1869, another

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fine large apple tree - now nearly dead - standing near the N. bard y'd fence was also cut down by cous. Geo P.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 22 Very handsome day - finest sleighing that had been known the present season from this to the former dwelling of Doct. N. Swift - very good in all parts of the county hereabouts. Geo P. transported 50 bbls corn from A. Kinsley's to this place on S. H. Brown's large iron shed sleigh with our old honest oxen. I with my family & sist. L. in the bargain attended at the Meetinghouse to witness the Installation of our worthy Pastor, Mr Hooker - the particulars of which probably may be learned from the Vt. Gazette of Feb 29 - the Sermon was a fair one and the charge to the Pastor by Mr Gridley of Williamstown, M's, was a worthy performance, but the charge to the People by        of E. Dorset being deliv'd in a very nasal tone of voice was considered by many as eccentric & ordinary - was laid down in plain unvarnished style - brief and abruptly wound off. Our music was fine - all went off elegantly. Spent much of the P.M. at the Book Store where saw Job Olin who appeared to busy himself reading the Constitution of the United States - there were Ovatt & other Old Line Scholars present Procured Gazette and came home - perused T. of a Tub in the evening. Let cutter to Ed McGown to go to Pow'l - Washington's centennial birth day. Wid. Blake paid her respects to mother.

THURSDAY, FEB'Y 23d Stormy from S. until nearly night off & on & it shut down very cold from N.W. high w'd & squalls - Conveyed Hopkins up street - borrowed \$30 of Dr N. Swift - drove to John Nortons' Alg's and there settled the exact quantity of brandy due us - settled with Jacob Brooks as agent for P. Dewey for drawing cider to N's Distillery - Aaron Osborn happened in - staid a good while to hear him tell of things that transpired while lived in the family of Dr Jonas Fay - spring & summer of 1800 - and afterwards of the whippings he rec'd in 1801 by the hand of James Williams, Overseer for Mrs Street in the absence of her husband who left in Nov. 1800 & never more ret'd to his family & friends - Ge said during last war - 1813 - or 14 meeting said Williams at Buffalo - gave him such a pounding as nearly to take his life. This I however (I) much question as O. is a kind of bragging man of loose principles. Told us that Sam Wright of Pownal had wronged the people of Wrightsburgh (Ohio) out of \$16,000. Osborns claim on Williams was of no moderate dimension. W. was vastly to blame and he richly deserved a dressing at the hand of O., but not equal to that which he described. Mr John Harwood took his seat here at shoemaking for his son James.



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bro't on 2 c skins bo't for me by James B. Squires for \$3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Mrs Waters & D. Waters visited here, waited upon by Mr Coffin. A. Osborn said his mother's maiden name was Alger - said nothing to H.C. Gorman on the subject of debt - Did not go to see him. High wind this evening.

FRIDAY, FEB'Y 24 Extremely cold - said to be 9 deg below 0 - fair all day - Began to fodder off the W. Mow - S. half of the E mow gone - some hay yet on the E. scaffold - some in the jog of the W. mow body of which measured on the gr'd 16 by 19 feet reaching about as high as the beams. Contrived to bow up 2 cows more than usual by locating them in the E. bay. Geo. bro't from Kinsley's 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls Ind. corn. Mc G. ret'd the cutter for which paid 2/9.

SATURDAY, FEB'Y 25 Stormy from the S - snowed moderately all day, or most of the day. Mr Coffin conveyed off Mrs Waters to his house. Geo P. cut up apple tree wood besides carrying grist of corn to mill 7 bbls of which we rec'd from Mr Kinsley who this day deliv'd the remainder of the 100 bbls for which I had contracted & I paid for it in full \$60 in fair bills. I had business up street - paid back to Doct N. Swift \$5 in money & gave him note of this date for \$25. which he should not require to be paid during next season - although in May he was calculating to pay over tow'd building factory near Doolittle's \$1300. Spent the remainder of the day at D. Clark's - Deacon Wm Smedley of Williams'n made us a short visit. At Love's saw uncle Sam Robinson & Mr Sam'l Wadsworth who said he had a fine cow worth \$25 which he would sell me - Called at Hall's, saw friend Southworth - and new periodical by Z. Thompson published at Burlington - Borrowed 3 Americans and came home.

SUNDAY, FEB'Y 26 Pretty handsome day - on the thaw order. Storm arose at night. Wrote Jor'l & perused Tale of a Tub Lydia, Sally & Miss Adeline went to meeting. Henry H. Parsons, Burtis, Annis H. Parsons and Miss M. Chapin came from Hoosick on a visit - It was late in the day and they tarried but a little while. Sold to s'd Henry 62 lbs potted cheese at 12-1/2 cs pr lb tow'd which he paid \$5 leaving due \$2.75 - Pot to be ret'd. - that in which it was packed could not be weighed apart from its contents - ascertain that as near as we could by weighing another of the same size - 6G's - 19 lbs - Pot & cheese - 81 lbs - nineteen out left 62. It was agreed that when he had emptied the vessel it should be weighed & our settl't for the cheese should be gov'd by that. All departed in peace by dark. In the eve'g wrote a letter for H. Waters to a great tool maker in Boston, N.Y. Examined Spect. papers this evening - Nothing very curious therein.

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MONDAY, FEB'Y 27 Fine, fair and pretty cold. Had some business up Street - On returning tow'd home found capt. Barnum Whipple at Hiram Waters' where he took breakfast after having been bro't from Albany in the stage which he entered at an early hour - very boisterous on the subject of Religion - took great satisfaction in relating over what he saw at the Grand Washington Ball in Albany on the centennial anniversary of W's Birth Day - came home with me in the cutter - talked a good deal - seemed very lively - spoke loud - a habit very natural to him - imagined himself altogether liberal in regard to Religion -



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appeared to think highly of the intellectual powers of his daughters, particularly so of the youngest whom he seemed desirous to place at one of our schools in Bennington. Informed us that our friend, Joseph North up, formerly of Hoosick, late of Easton, N.Y., died last fall of consumption - leaving 7 orphan children to lament his departure - there was likely to be some property for them out of the estate after paying off debts. J.N. in Sept 1806 was marr'd to Miss Lucinda Whipple, sister of our brave capt., and from ten years of age to 18 lived in this house under the care of her aunt Molly Harwood - the 2d wife of Peter, my late grand-father. She afterwards served a year or two with Mrs Noble of Hoosick learning the tailoring business. Died in the course of the year 1827 - perhaps that event was in some measure hastened by the tragical end of her brother John who in May of that year was fatally shot by the poor deluded Strang, she being in a poor state of health at that time & naturally given to melancholly - it is supposed she never got over it - kept continually poring upon it while she lived. P.M. visited the shop of L.Norton with whom held some friendly chat - borrowed 3 Spect's & rec'd in full for butter from the hand of J.Mor. \$3.81. Late in the day rode down to Hinsdill's - conversed some with Ed H. Swift respecting sale of cheese which I had on hand - told I would think of the subject. Brought H.Waters & tools to his house - Hopkins accomp'd me on this route after school. Perused papers in the evening.

TUESDAY, FEB'Y 28 Stormy early in the day, seemed to be so more or less on the mountains during most of the day, cloudy, wind pretty brisk S. or S.E. Accomp'd by H.Waters started in cutter for N. Adams, M's. Being cold called at Stone's, Williamstown, where there was considerable comp'y, among whom we noticed one red faced man eating his cold cut or whatever you would call it who appeared to possess some original qualities that set us to laughing - strangers as we were - In ordering a glass of gin, which by the way was not very moderate, he was pleased to in

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a peculiar manner give our good Landlord who, tho in his 72d year, yet smartly managed his bar himself. I called for & with my friend drank a small glass of gin & drove on again, much relieved from cold. Arrived at young Mr Coles near & on a farm of Eb'r C. - saw none of the men - Mrs C. informed me of their unfortunately being sick soon after I was there in June last - several of their cows had the hoof distemper &c &c made however a goodly quantity of cheese, 8000 lbs of which now lay in casks on their hands because they had rec'd no offer sufficiently high to induce them to sell - refused \$6. - Mr Israel Cole sold his for \$7. pr hund - they calculated to dispose of theirs at that price the present spring, or say on the opening of Spring - Contin'd making cheese until it froze in the press early in Dec - Wint'd nearly all their cows and had plenty of hay. Informed Mrs C. of our wish to see & take the measurement of their cheese press, which she gave us leave to do - and it was done in short order. Turned round, came to the house of Mr C. Wells where we examined his press, which was on a more complicated plan We however took no draft as Mr W. had agreeable to a request in writing from me furnished one in his reply. They sold their cheese at \$6. notwithstanding a part of it had been divided into two cheeses in a day during the flush of feed. Mr W. had sold during last season a flock of sheep at \$3.00 pr head. Tried to buy again in the fall, but prices being high could effect no purchase - since which observing the fall of wool and the misfortunes of many keeping over sheep & other bad signs in that



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business he said his sheep fever was about over. He informed us of a gent who came from Hoosick, N.Y. bought up a large flock for the Bright on market but on arriving there the prices were down - he held on in expectation of a rise, but after staying 2 or 3 weeks came away bringing his sheep with him - swapped off a few for oxen & other cattle - Such was the result of his sheep speculation. We were kindly treated at Mr W's - our visit was short - I thanked him for the pains he had taken to give me a plan of his press - and we departed - while there took our beast out of the thills to let her drink - in placing her there again a blunder was committed by me - one of the loops was suffered to pass over the hold-back which in going down hill or where the descent was considerable left the tugs so slack that one of them, every now & then, would be thrown off the hook of the whiffle-tree and put me to the trouble of adjusting it - our cutter even struck the heels of our excellent grey - but she made no ado about it. After proceeding 3 or 4 miles discovered & rectified the mistake which might have led to serious consequences had we been drawn by some horses of more fire & more given to being skittish. She was the property of Dr N. Swift - who thus accommodated me for a days work by Geo P. Harwood - Aug 13 1831 - We got home in good season - some time before sunset.

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FEBRUARY 29 Capt B. Whipple departed for Sunderland, Vt., this m'g Adeline rec'd some young comp'y in the eve'g - young Stephen & his sister Ann Robinson & Charles the brother of William Haswell and Miss Mariah the daughter of the same.

WEDNESDAY, FEB'Y 29 Chilling W. wind - good sleighing - with wife drove to Hoosick Falls - by 12 at noon - dined - saw Henry P. Mr Wells & other boarders - made short stay - left the old lady & came directly home. We entertained this evening Mr John Brown, wife & daughter Ann - 13 years old - and Miss P. Waters, sister of Mrs B. & A. Waters. Emerson Gleason & his 2 sisters Adeliza & Elvirah spent the evening here. Paid those two ladies in full for making 2 coats, one of which was for H Harwood, the other for S.W. Dan's - \$3.67. Made settlement with G.P. Harwood in full up to this date - found due him for hired money & labor for 1 year, being at \$110. I say there was due him \$212.08 - gave him note for \$212 & paid the fraction - Commenced his 2d years work at \$110. - including the making of his shirts and other sewing of that kind - first of March.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1 Keen & fair in the morning, continued pretty cold and fair all day. Sold 2 cheeses to Benj F. Fay, the 1st weighing 34 lb 6 oz - second 40 lbs - former at 7" - latter at 6½ - paid me cash or money in hand \$5.01 Capt Hicks & sons James & Charles had previously seen & talked to me very seriously on the price of this article - six cents pr lb was enough for it - & it would not be fit for sale previous to the first of June - being manufactured in Oct. last. Visited Henry Fassett, saw his wife and boy Charles Henry - 3 yrs old - F. was not ready to pay me. Turned round. Came to F. Blackmer & Co's and there paid taxes in full to Hiram Blackmer, Collector. \$19.37 - took rec't - In the P.M. rode in cutter with father to Green Potter's - the gentleman was getting out flax - came in & conversed with us a few moments - his wife was gone to Shaftsbury. Returning down the mountain called at the house of Mr Duncan where we saw the man of the house with his friend M.C Cobb - came to E. Carpenter's - saw Mrs Duncan, or she was seen by father



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Saw friend Eli - said they had 5 children to number on my list - Came to Jewett's - Levi & his wife gone to Adams on a visit - learned from Adeline nearly the correct number of scholars in the Dist. Mrs House was at the old lady's for P.M. visit. Got home early in the evening. Cous. Geo commenced his years work trimming apple trees - he spent a day or two previous to this cutting cions.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2 Thawy - cold S.W. w'd at night.

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Weighed up 23 cheeses, called it 952 lbs - afterwards ascertained there was little rising of 1000 lbs. Rode to Hinsdill's carrying with me a young fellow who was going there to get employment. On my way home met Ed H. Swift and agreed to sell him 500 lbs cheese at 7" pr lb payable half cash, remainder in goods, to be deliv'd on Monday next - extras excepted. Our friend Saff'd Robinson got badly bruised by an unlucky fall. Bo't 182 work nails at 7" at Sanf'd & Brown's. Came home safe at night - executed some writing - Cous. G. trimmed app. trees.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 Rained in the morning - w'd S - Changed to W. very chilly, cleared away - thawed, however, quite rapidly. With children rode by Breckenridge's, A. & L. Sherwood's over the hills to Hoosick Falls. Dined at H.H. Parson's - Saw T.C.P. - marched to the red shop - looked at the works - saw Hial Parsons, conversed with him a few mom'ts - Went to Dorr's, talked with Oscar Stone, a tailor, about making me a ~~visit~~ suit of clothes - would make a coat for \$3.50 - whole suit for \$5.00 - exclusive of cutting - came back to the shop - spent more time with cous. Henry - next visited grist mill - saw old Mr Garret A. Breese - aho said he was short of hay - had 4 cows which he would sell immediately. Price of flour \$5.75 - corn 62½ - Returned to Henry's, took supper - with young folks visited the house of Hiel Parsons - Gen'l Seth & his lady were there awhile - Staid there over night - Slept with cousin Andrew Parsons.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 Frozen quite solid in the morning, soon however commenced thawing pretty rapidly - really warm & pleast Sleighing growing bad every mom't. Adeline and self breakfasted at Hiels - Left her at cousin Henry's, came away by 9 with Mrs H. & Hopk's crossed over from 4 Corners to Breeses' thence by Peters'g Road to Line Hill - arrived here by 1 P.M. Rec'd call from N.L. Rob. who meeting Or W Daniels left with him money to pay to S.W. Daniels tow'd interest on hired money. I exchanged with Oren W.D. my obligation against H.C. Germond for his own of \$26.72 which was the am't due up to Mar 2d - Or seemed to feel quite happy on the occasion - Due April 1.

MONDAY, MARCH 5 Stormy from the S. unsteady, snowed a litt. mostly rain - snow going off. Attended to little else than reading Lives of the Signers of the Dec. of Independence. Simeon Cady in quired respecting calves - Prepared cheese for market. Cous Geo. chopped wood when it did not rain too hard.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 Sleety - forepart of the day - less so P.M. Eve'g became very cold - wind high N.W. With 12 cheeses & 4 bbls wheat joined by father started for Hinsdill's - left wheat at Walbridges - cheese weighed 540½ lbs

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Am't of cheese \$38.25 - Rec'd money \$19.13 - had same am't credited me on Book - rec'd in goods \$1.89 - leaving balance due in g'ds \$17.24 We viewed good deal of machinery - Canal had to be repaired. Came up to Walb's, waited some for grist - visited trip hammer - Saw uncle Steb sawing in his mill. Came off with grist made into very fine flour. Passing Maj Haynes saw 2 young hogs hanging ready dressed. Dined at uncle S. Rob's where we engaged enjoyed pretty litt. visit. Cous N.L. ate dinner & was soon off with his newspaper - Arrived here tow'd evening - Sleighing failing constantly.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 Cold morning after very freezing night - Harsh N.W.w wind, flying clds & cold all day. Waited upon Miss L. Harw'd to H. Waters' - afterwards by request of H.W. gallanted cous Em Rob. from his house to her father's, besides which consulted with H.W. about business building new cheese press. Understood that our friend D Robinson Jr was going to deliver an Address to the County Society for the promotion of temperance assembled at the meeting house 11 o'clock A.M. - Depositing mare in Waters' barn - attended s'd meeting - My patience began to fail before they organized - John H. Olin Pres't, P. Isham Sec. Doct Bigelow addressed the Pres - bro't forward an estimate of the quantity of ardent spirits consumed the past year in Bennington, which upon a moderate calculation amounted to 100 hhds - then summing up what that must cost at retail & tavern prices, amt'd if I rightly recollect to \$15,000 On the enormity of the vice of intemperance he expatiated very largely, introducing many hyperbolical expressions, extending his remarks far beyond what I conceived to be necessary, not at all required by the auditors - The Address was what I wanted. After he sat down W.S. Southworth made a few remarks quite to the point, and, what was very well, not tedious. He, like the Doct., tho't much good had resulted from the exertions of Temp. Societies - but a great work lay on their hands yet to do - of Mountain magnitude. Next spake our good Pastor, Ed W. Hooker, and it seemed to me as if he could never find - never find the end. I have no fault to find with what he advanced - but he introduced facts and remarks which I thought of no present benefit to the audience - I finally left the house, my patience entirely exhausted - the speaker then being deeply engaged in describing the Orator "Conscience" to men who knew all about him - Staid sometime at F.B. & Co's - F. said his brother Norman had left him on the 6th

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to into business at North Bennington with Wm Robinson. Being well warmed returned into the meeting house where the debate es not yet closed. The president informed the audience of his experiehce & views in regard to the subject - By this time the ladies had all cleared the house - like myself, tired of waiting for The Address. The last person who offered much on the business was D. Robinson Jr who said he had prepared a discourse principally designed for the youth, which he should postpone. He seemed to think it of but little use for them to meet there to talk and pass resolutions - something must be done - the farmers must leave off the use of cider brandy & not even to allow cider to be as freely used as is customary in families of children &c. The State ought to lay hee heavy duties on distilled liquors &c &c. Several resolutions were passed during the sitting which I do not enter here for want of accuracy & seventy five other reasons. Probably the proceedings will be published I would just mention a few persons whom I saw there - Gen'l D. Robinson, J.H. Olin, Dr N. Swift, Doct. Bigelow, A. Hubbell Esq, James Hubbell Esq John Vail, P. Ishaam, D.R. Jr., Stephen Bingham, Henry Harwood, James



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Henry, Chapin the painter, James Hicks, Charles Cushman, W.S.S., Rev Ed W.Hooker, Hon. O.C.Merrill, Samuel Lawrence & Maj L.Norton. Evening perused Life of Rodney - very good. Mrs Andrews left us one dollar in silver on a/c. & bespoke a few lbs cheese.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8 Soundly frozen in the morning - thawed much before night - storm looked for - we procured two beech logs 14 ft long for cheese press beams - Snow very deep in woods - crust would bear well, very pleas't walking. Norman N. was hunting, had Mr Daniels' Till Jr & others chopping - Sylvanus & 2 teams drawing wood - they were cutting down the little grove which stood near the S.W. corner of the imp'd part of our farm - It was fine day - The crust would not bear cattle or horses - Good sledding in woods where roads were broken. Perused "Tale of a Tub" at night.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9 Warm spring day - snow going off rap'ly - w'd S. It was said blue-birds & robins had been seen and heard to sing, perhaps earlier than this date this pres't month. We finished seeing & placing under cover again those old rails mentioned Nov. 10. S.W.Daniels contin'd drawing wood past here for N.Norton. Mrs Daniels came here on P.M. visit - spake of the extrme sickness of Mrs Godfrey eldest daughter of Mr E.Fay Jr. Mrs Selden, wife of M.L. was said to be very low. Read Biog. of Benj. Harrison, one of the signers of Dec. of Ind. at night - very good character - father of our Gen'l of that name. Father worked with us this day.

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Mar. 9. Cous. I.B.Dewey came in late in the eve'g - st'd ov night.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 Handsome as Summer - pleas't & warm - Snow in open fields in Bennington - very ragged or in patches - in Shafts'y it lay smooth. Father was unwell - we drove out horses from our pasture on the hill south - put up fences - besides making & hanging a door to cow pen - Paid respects to N.Norton - requested him to fix up fences through which he had drawn wood the pres't season - said he would attend to it - Young Sibley was splitting wood for N. Not long since had lost his only cow. Norman too had undergone the severe misfortune of losing a very fine cow, by being cast.

SUNDAY, (SATURDAY) High S.wind, cldy, a little rainy, pretty dark in the evening - thunder, lightning & rain were witnessed  
MARCH 11 snow going off very rapidly - streams unusually high - grass in pastures where it had been protected by snow appeared green. Very muddy bad roads - I have followed wrong minutes - the above should be dated March 12 - Now for the 11th. Well, I multiply blunder on blunders - the foregoing particulars of weather are correct with the exception of thunder & lightning.

SUNDAY, 11th Engrossed much of the day in writing - Daniels boys paid visits. Adeline was gallanted by Mr James L. Wells from Hoosick, N.Y. - he returned to H. at night ortow'd evening - said the tralling was ver bad.

MONDAY, MARCH 12 Weather about the same as on the 11th with the difference above stated - Streams overflowing their lower banks. Too stormy for much out door business - so we worked at wooden hinges. Father contin'd unwell. Sold breech collars for O.W.



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Daniels' note \$6. with interest - due 9 mo's after date - s'd harness was new in Aug. 1827 S'd Daniels agreed for the Grover iron plow without a point for the sum of \$7.50 payable in teaming on reasonable notice We placed away the Sam H. Brown cutter in safety - in shed chamber. Lydia was waited upon by H. Waters to this house from his residence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 W'd N.W. all day - grow'g cold - cldy - Did not freeze until night. Cider mill which had been exposed to the weather over Wint. was covered, planks of the press taken up & piled together with sticks between as is customary among lumber men when they wish to have stuff season & with the sweep remained under the roof which protects the screws & beams - Something more was done at hinges - P.M. G.P. clubbed manure in S. mead, visited town - called at Aaron Robinson's - saw Nelson Duncan as hired man there - Paid Miss, the Taileress, \$1.85 in full for making surt't for Hopkins &c.

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Settl'd acc'ts with Dr H. Swift in full which had run since Jan 4 1831 - p'd him \$4.50 money for which he gave his receipt in - Conversed with him concerning a certain professional man who had lately displayed his character to me in an odious light - Dr S. conceived no better opinion of him than I did - Jan 9 Some small business was transacted at Sanf'd & Br's. Went to Bennington B. store - Saw the Gazette in which was published the death of Erastus Young, formerly of this place - last residence in Albany, N.Y. - aged about 45 - In early life a lover of books, but recently a great admirer of his bottle - to which he adhered to the last - Bo't of J.C. Haswell 1 quire good Dalton writing paper, for which p'd in cash 25 cents. Saw U. Edgerton Esq who with Mr Hooker had been visiting Church Memb's of that neighborhood - In the same business I was informed there was a large committee of 14 persons employ'd in the various parts & District of the town. Called on and conversed very freely on several different subjects with our fr'd D.R. Jr who seemed perfectly satisfied with Mr Jackson's reply concerning Mr Van Buren to the Republican memb's of the Leg'r of N.Y. Said much in favor of J's honesty conducted administration. At the P.O. found a letter from cous. H. Robinson to Adeline M. Harw'd, dated Fayetteville, N.C. march 4. In good health and perfectly contented with his study under Doc. Ben. his uncle. He left Troy on the 2d or 3d of Nov'r last for N. Carolina. Paid 25" post. s'd letter. Came home in the evening & perused papers.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 Light snow on the gr'd - had been ver cold night & it was a cold day - flying clds - more than usually freezing for the season. We were employed on hinges - father piled wood - we converted dairy room into a joiners shop - had a good fire in the stove - Mrs Kent p'd our ladies a visit - Mr Daniels was sick. The evening chiefly employed in writing a letter for Hiram Waters to Isaac Doolittle Esq requiring him according to previous engagement to forward materials for building new factory. Entered a regular memorandum of contract with Elijah Atkins for roofing, cov'g sides of said building - setting window frames &c. - building 80 ft long - Am't of bargain \$33. H. felt very well respecting it & resolved to get the whole building jobbed off in like manner. As to hay supposed we had as much as to make out the W. mow entire. 20 days since the S. side of said mow was last broached.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 15 Tolerably fair - sky yellow & pale - S.w'd chill & cldy Geo & father tapped a few sugar trees - the former began to make a comm'd for driving fence posts into the gr'd. Business carried me to Algiers - Gave Sage directions for sawing bass-wood & butternut logs - had Sam H. Brown 5 qr auger.

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Auger handled by Henry Norton for which he charged 17 cents. At Nathan Danforth's saw a child of his in cradle aged 15 months, sick afflicted with a terrible humor in the blood - face all in scabs, besides they had a boy 10 or 12 years old who had the misfortune to have 3 of his fingers cut off by the straw cutter at the grist mill a few days since. Enquired at Danforth's & at the stores for wrought nails but there were none. Got back in season to assist in tapping 3 or 4 trees. Doct N. Swift & Capt Jas Hicks visited our mother this day - the rest of the females of the family were absent on visit to Mrs Daniels. Mrs Harw'd this morning went to neighbpr E. Fay's jrs where on Wed'y eve'g at 11 o'clock his daughter Ruth breathed her last - not from 27 years of age - leaving an infant daughter nearly 6 months old - See Journal of Dec. 1 1830.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16 Severe chilling S. wind. G.P. Harw'd went to mill and got grist of rye & corn ground - 36 bbls oil meal & 2 lb wrought nails at the Furnace - all paid excepting 1/6 to Sage for O. Meal. Father & self attended funeral at Mr Fay's, the meeting was pretty numerous. Mr Hooked preached from Amos 4th Chap part of 12th verse. The man pronounced his discourse in so low a tone as to render it inaudible to a great proportion of his audience. Borrowed papers of Judge L. Norton on one of which was Mr Clay's last great speech in support of the Am System. Friend Southworth made a short call here, returning from funeral.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 Stormy, rainy until tow'd eve'g when it commenced snowing & blowing severely from N.W. One of our cows had been unfortunate - Started off on business at Hinsdill's & Swift's, met uncle Sam Robinson coming on horseback up the hill below the old Sam Fay place against his brother Safford's farm - from what he said I inferred he would go to our house - but it so turned out that he did not. At Swift & Hinsdill's took up goods tow'd cheese ct. amt'g to \$1.84. Inquired if they were willing I should receive on H. Watees' a/c 20 bbls rye? At first Edw'd refused, but after consulting with Hinsdill it was agreed on that I might have it at 75<sup>¢</sup> pr bbl. On coming home took in Hopkins for passenger. Mr Wight having closed his school in Shaftsbury arrived here this afternoon. Or W. Daniels talked some of hiring through the ensuing season the Raymond cow which beyond all doubt proved to be farrow. My purchase of this creature founded on misplaced confidence in what the faithless deceitful Doctor told me respecting her being with calf, turned out to be vastly against me. Deliver me from all such characters as dealers or as almost anything else.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 18 Cold, wintry, showing & blowing, freezing all day, very tedious travelling N. Very cold morning - did not soften down until past 9 - Thased slightly P.M. 20th thick clouds - s. wind, so cloudy as fairly to make it a good deal dark - tow'd evening w'd veered to N.W. & immediately became cold & every mom't growing more so. I am incorrect - on the 20th it held dry & cold all day, wind N.W. chiefly 21st chilly S. wind, cldy & dark - P.M. having rained some previously,



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snowed, w'd blew violently from N.W. - Cold increasing - 22d most remarkably cold - equal to Jan'y - ice made fast - thawed very little during the whole day and snow flew lightly, after part of the day. 23d wind changed once more, to S., & grew mild, but it was chilly. 24th very fair & fine, warm, thawed, snow 2 feet deep on the mountain. Sunday the 18th employed as usual in writing. Mr Wight attended meeting - Mrs Selden very low - Read the greatest part of Mr Clay's American System Speech which we all thought very fair and reasonable.

MONDAY, 19th Geo P. was sent to Hinsdill's where 20 bbls rye were rec'd on H. Waters' a/c - \$15 carried - carried to Walb's mill ground to meal & bro't home. I went up street - visited stores - rode with Mr Fillmore to Starins - walked thence to Joseph Percy's, Hoosick, where being invited dined - looked at his stock which were in rather low order - of Eng. breed. Shewed me three fair cows for which he must have \$30. pr hd, more than I was willing to give. A young man came to him to hire for the season - On coming home overtook 2 lds hay going up the Line Hill which was mostly bare - hay being on sleighs drew up very heavily. At Steel's at the Old Hawks place saw a load of castings that was bro't on Sunday from Troy, wheels dreadfully loaded with frozen mud. Came home late in the day. Father visited his neighbors at the S.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 Made up a number of cowpen gates - contin'd the business in the eve'g - had a fire in the cheese room for this purpose - Father was unwell.

WED'Y, March 21 9 of our doors or gates were hanged and all things were fixed ready for action. Mr Parker's school was put under examination at which the junious classes were bro't forward & were said to have acquitted themselves honorably.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22 Geo built a 4 ft gate - bro't home a plank for cheese press from H. Waters'. I attended 2d day examination of Mr Parker's which as an evidence of the industry & faithful care of the Principal & assistant and of the intellectual improvement of the pupils was indeed most interesting. P.M. several curious experiments in Chem-

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(22d) istry were made by Mr P. accompanied by illustrations on the part of the class in that science. Some very superior pieces of composition were produced and read by Mr P., the work of several young ladies present. Two papers were bro't forward for absent gentlemen, which passed very well. And there were others read to the audience, which was numerous and respectable, by the authors themselves - very appropriate & nice. The whole was closed by prayer by Rev'd Mr Hooker. Some of my friends spoke in very flattering terms of the manner in which my son answered the questions put to him by in Geography, and particularly in Arithmetic on Wed. I ought to be pleased that it was so, but not exclusively because he is my son.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 Went to S.D. Walbridge's & bo't cow & calf for \$25.- Saw Ira Haynes & Doan trimming apple trees - Saw W's Factory in motion - Came to aunt Sarah's took dinner - she was unwell. P.M. attended the funeral of Mrs Selden who died yesterday morning -



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She was in her 39th year and left an affectionate husband &...children to mourn her departure. A sermon was pronounced by Mr Hooker. Put a letter in the P.Office directed to Barnum Whipple, Albany, accompanied redomending the house of James Hubbell Esqr as the most proper for his daughter to board at - Stated that the school would begin Apl 5th.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 Crossed over Mt Anthony to Sam'l Wadsworth's to see his cow which he offered for sale some days ago - He himself went away - his son William pointed her out to me - I offered for her, in case I could sell the Raym'd cow, \$22 $\frac{1}{2}$ , if I should take her, should decide in a week - they were very scant for hay and must buy. We came down the road to Wid. McEowen's - thence to S.Scott's - halted awhile - looked at their dun cow which they praised up very highly - looked at a 2 yr old bull own'd by Esq Hubbell which was her calf - Paid respects to Mrs S. who wished much to see my mother - came home & P.M. rode to Smith's and down south to Mr Loomis' to ascertain exactly the number of scholars in the District & the number of weeks a school had been kept therein. Got home in good seas'n, supped with Mr Wight who had arrived from Shaftsbury. Geo. on Friday piled wood - P.M. 24th pruned orchd.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 Much like spring - good walking to church - Snow melting off the mountains - good sugar weather - flocks of pigeons flying &c. Mr Wight attended meeting - Executed some writing - Read little - Father out of health - Visited by O. & S.W.Dan's & N.L.Rob. - Agreed to let the latter have Cr D's note for \$15 money & his note for the bal.

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MONDAY, MARCH 26 Warm cldy morning - muggy - afterwards wind changed to N.W. - rained & then snowed - real tedious storm Visited cous. Sim Harwood & agreed to sell him Walbridge cow's calf for 75", would go & get it on the morrow. Walked to Doolitt's mill - staid a good while - saw A.Harwood's \$30 cow - old - did not fancy her. Saw Nathan Case of Hoosick Falls, N.Y. who had deliv'd here 300 bbls Ind. corn & rec'd pay in full this day - \$180 - exclusive of some interest. Had raised last season 1000 bbls corn and with other produce reckoned the returns of his farm at \$1000 - Returned home P.M. - Mr Wight collected materials and made ingrafting wax - materials at my expense. Ira B Dewey came here & hired of him \$67 - took up obligation of Dec 30 1831, gave due-bill for interest up to Apl 1st., added principal of both sums together and gave note for the whole \$80., due with interest 8 months after first of April 1832.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 Fair, cold and freezing. Self & Geo. engaged in demolishing old Jon. Rogers hog pen - commenced the erection of ten new cow stalls. Father remained unwell. Mr Wight visited Harmon's. Boiling sap was prosecuted by Hopkins.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 Ground frozen in the morning, tolerably mild & agreeable afterwards. Our town meeting at first assumed a stormy aspect, but finally passed off happily. Ballots were insisted on & used in choosing the first selectman - G.Blackmer & U.M.Robinson, candidates - resulted in the election of the former - the latter receiving but 40 votes - Judge Wm Henry served as Moderator - Wm Haswell as Cl'k - some were anxious to have a change total of selectmen - but the majority appeared not to be for it - G.Blackmer, E.Filmore, S.Loomis,



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Alvah Rice & Turner Hills were app'td - Two old ones were retained - 1s & 43d. When the settling committee made report which together with the explanations of the First Selectman as to what the public money had been expended for, a furious attack was made on it by U.M. Rob., H. Kellogg & M.L. Norton - They prayed the town not to accept of it - to appoint another committee who should reexamine & investigate the a/cs of the Selectmen &c &c - all ended in smoke - Those persons who served in s'd committee were continued, viz: - Steph Robinson, W. Haswell & H. Hall. The town seemed in spite of so much legal reasoning & eloquence to rest satisfied with the management of its concerns. H. Blackmer, 1st Constable & Collector & R. Fisk 2d Constable for the year ensuing. I held conversation with Mr Lemuel Sherwood concerning agricultural affairs - said he had a cow which he would sell at \$40 - considered her actually worth it.

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28th Contin'd. Eliza Hall, Mariah A. Daniels & Elizabeth Waters, little misses, were gears here to day. In the eve'f sold to Mr T. Daniels the Raymond cow for \$19 - Sylcanus to give his note for same due with interest 7 months after the first of April - See Jan'y 9 - Made eve'g visit at Mr D's with my whole family.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 Chilly in the m'g but became mild P.M. assuming much the appearance of Spring. Roads very muddy and bad. Father & self rode out to Anthony Breese's making, however, a short call on the Scott's - Bronson Harmon came there in sulky. Father was much out of health. B. was absent in woods getting building timber - waited a good while for his return, wished to view some young cows he had for sale. Rode from the old Tubbs place, now B's residence, lately occupied by A. Hawks, to Deac. Dimmick's & got him the Deac. to show us s'd cattle. We selected 2 fine 4 y'rs olds - returned to B's - where Mrs B. having prepared a good dinner we partook thereof. Mr B. came home & we closed our bargain for those animals, paying \$45 in hand, he agreeing to keep them for us 2 weeks & perhaps some longer. I went to J. Starin's to view 2 old cows which he offered for sale, but not liking did not buy. Father came home in wagg. & I footed it across lots. Mrs B. said she was the youngest child of Deac. D. by his first wife - 24 y'rs old. She app'd to employ a very smart look'g colored girl, she likewise rec'd the company of Mrs Moses Greenslit, a young neighboring woman in her 25th y'r, having a twin child with her 3 months old, the parents of which lived somewhere in Hoosick. On the 28th Geo nearly compleated the new cow stalls. this day he & Hopkins bro't home the Walbridge \$25 cow. S. Harwood had bo't the calf as agreed on. At the same time H. Waters drove away his cow which he rec'd pr his wife 1831, bo't by me in 1830, of Breese in Hoosick, exchanged her for a 4 y'r old - good looking beast - to calve in good season - p'd \$10 to boot. Latter p't of the day George gath'd sap, butchered a young calf & clubbed dung. The money was paid in full for the Walbridge cow, \$25.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 Soft weather, at the same time there were chilling winds. Building or preparing timber to build cheese presses was the chief employment. With I. B. Dewey visited the Street and bro't home plank for one of those presses. Lent team to Sanford team to get some clks and boxes up from the shop to the store. Saw a good looking cow of bad character - great however for milk - offer at \$20. H. Waters hewed timber. Mr Wight contin'd grafting.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 31 Fine spring morn'g - cldy - more so at night - expected rain without getting much. Hiram Waters & Geo contin'd working at presses. Sap was gath'd & boiled. P.M. with cous. Ira B. rode to G.A.Breese's - saw some very good cows but were thin indeed in flesh - Made no contract - Saw Crocker from the Falls who appeared to wish to purchase. I conditionally engaged to go over again on Monday. Met here G.Hellon & Levi Hill Jr - examined the latter, as he had milked daily, while living at Mr L.Sherwood's, the famous \$40 cow, respecting her goodness - made up my mind that she was rated a good deal too high. From Deac. D's came home on foot. Ira B. went to Harmon's to get his chest & arrived here past 9. Friend Wight had engrafted more than 1200 cions in the upper orch'd. Two cows, besides that mentioned on the 17th, had bro't calves - Doan & F.Blk. On the 30th inst sent pr Hopkins to Doolittle 44½ lbs cheese for which rec'd pay in full, \$3.11. Sent likewise 35½ lbs to N.Swift at 7" on acc't. Borrowed of Dr N.Swift forty dollars in money - to be paid on short notice.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st Pleas't morning, wind however soon arose from W. & N. W. remarkably high - buildings were much tried, fences thrown down and the like. The Cong. Meeting house was said to have made a cracking under the pressure of s'd breeze, and it overthrew an old pear tree whose trunk had become defective, planted in 1806. Time sp't much as usual. Read the 9th C. of St John which gives an account of the restoration of sight to the man who was blind from his youth, or say from his birth. Our people ret'd late from Church. Mr H. preached long. Or W.Daniels & his brother S.W. were severally guests at this house in the course of the day. Of the latter rec'd \$19 note due 7 months from date for Raymond cow.

MONDAY, APRIL 2d Wintry morning, gr'd frozen hard. H.Waters & Geo P. worked on ch, presses assisted by I.B.Dewey. Raw chill air but pleas't. Bro't home all our sugaring apparatus - had more than 1 bbl sap. Hopkins was sent to L.Barney's with a young calf for which rec'd in money 62½ - Sent pr J.A.Wight School Returns for Dist No 2. J.A. set cions here in scattering young trees gowing in S. meadow. Rec'd line pr Loomisis from W.Haswell, dated 31st ult., reminding me of my Returns not being in. I had them all prepared on Saturday and in the crown of my hat, but forgot to hand them over - the Line made no difference with me, receiving it 3 or 4 hours subsequent to W's departure. This is a fault that has not been often committed by me during my Clerkship since April 1822. The Hathaway was driven to H.Waters' to be kept awhile

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TUESDAY, APRIL 3d Very unpleas't S. storm during the morning & then after a calm of 2 or 3 hours commenced again very rough from the opposite direction - cold, sleety, some snow in the bargain. Geo got iron work for presses executed at Chandler's which including some done on a previous day, made up a bill of 94 cents. Farming was promoted in some degree by clubbing dung in the S.mead.in which I.B.D.Geo P. H.H.W. & myself took part. Mr Wight bore down on the Greek Grammar with power. On Monday gave me cr for 15 lbs ingrafting wax, but how he made it afterwards I know not, set more cions. The family of Mr Daniels left the neighborhood for the old Dr Smith place, late in the hands of Erastus Young, and now owned by A.Harmon Sen - See Sept 7 1831 - Or D's drove off the Raymond cow this day, Our hay was all consumed on the E.side of the floor Apl 1st & we had only less than half the W.mow now, to feed 27 cows



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2 oxen, & 1 mare - might say or mow was 12 ft high, occupying  $\frac{1}{2}$  the gr'd of the W. bay.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 Wintry indeed - Low grounds mostly free from snow, but mountains & high lands were well whitened up and there blew all day a cutting dry wind, doleful & melancholy was the sound thereof. State Fast. Our business required that we should repair fences against grain & mesdow lands, which fences the late high winds had impaired. Fixed cow stalls for ready use and suspended on hinges the gate made by G.P. & Hopkins, 22d March. Ishmael Titus a man of color from Williamst'n nearly blind, calling himself nearly 90 y'rs old, called & had his dinner, presented a begging paper to which some respectable names. The petition stated that in order to remove a mortgage on his place there was wanting \$20. We signed, or I signed, & paid him 25 cts. Mr Wight ret'd from Church much pleased with the discourse of Mr Hooker which went to show the fallacy of so much party zeal as is displayed by our public prints of every party.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 Our high freez'g wind contin'd blowing all day. With cous, I.B.D. proceeded direct for Montague's - Saw the man at his barn - told his scheme for building great stone shed - called his barn the best in the country. Settled acc'ts with him - last settlm't Jan 24 1827 - By allowing him credit for paying \$2 for 2 bbls cider deliv'd in 1830 which was not exhibited in his charges and only guessed at by him, I was bro't in debt \$1.35 Desired me to look at my Cash a/c and ascertain whether he had paid it - if not it should be made right another day - so I

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gave him a note for \$1.35 The cider was deliv'd on the 7th July & 16th Aug 1830 - In the eve'g after return'g home examined thoroughly my cash minutes in vain for the sum mentioned & was well convinced that it had never been paid. On seeing Montague next day he was willing to give it up - offering to pay me the balance (65 cts) if I would change a \$20 bill. I told him I could not do that & besides would not insist on the money, he must next time of our meeting give up my note & give me his for the 65" which he engaged to do. Ira talked some of hiring himself to L. Strong in the brick making business, but made no bargain, walked with me to Walbridge's & Hinsdill's & thence to Martins where he rec'd his new Octavo Bible handsomely bound & lettered, price \$3. Came across lots to the Scott place & so to W. Haswell's - obtained no school money - At Patchins' saw L. Jewett and talked with him about our school affairs. At Sanf'd & Brown's bo't for Adeline a small Reference Bible, \$1.25 on a/c. Of F.B. & Co rec'd 7 lbs nails for 50" booked. After getting home Ira B. was ill. At Hinsdill's H. Waters & B. Sears were framing new store & at Marin's they were boiling sap. Father assisted G.P. in carting manure into garden & in washing 15 bbls wheat. Our children entered the Brick Academy under the tuition of W. Parker & his sister. E. Montague's acc't was \$25.75, mine as we settl'd amt'd to \$24.40 but ought to have been \$26.40. Left with Mrs Swift \$40 which I had borrowed of Dr N. Swift on the 31 ult. She said he was gone to see Shadrack Norton's wife on acc't of sickness.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6 Very freezing morning, dry cold, N. winds, the day was however fine & pleas't. At the store of Sanf'd & Brown saw J. Starin Esq & p'd him \$22 for the cow I looked at March 29,



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& he agreed to keep her well at 50" pr week up to the period of her having a calf, after which he would charge me nothing. At the store of L. Patchin p'd s'd Patchin \$2.64 for & rec'd bbls seed oats, fine. At Post Off. sat awhile & heard Dr Millington on Universalism which he got along with very easily. Ass't P.M. Hyde was present. Walked to Algiers, saw many of the Methodists at recess, this being the 2d of a 4 days meeting. E. Montague was among the number - performed business as mentioned on the 5th. Ret'd up Street with Hopkins who had been to D's mill & had grist ground - sent him home with instructions to come up to Patchin's tow'd eve'g & get the oats, which was done. I visited W. Haswell's - School money not in - would very surely have it on the morrow - walked to Giles Jewett's - saw Stephen who shewed some very good ~~seem~~ cows but in shockingly low case - one in particular that had been unlucky in bringing her young

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Continued walking west - met Austin Harmon Sen on a part of the old Maj Hawks farm, merely passed the usual compliments with him - he just expressed some wonder at my being about so much of late on foot which I readily explained and passed onward. Came to a young man laying wall in the employm't of capt Hawks - one of the Fillmore young men was standing by. Enquired for Capt H. & was told he was with his neighbors making some arrangem't respecting line fence. Made known my business - looked at his cows - saw the one he offered for same which I did not wish to purchase - saw another fine yellow 4 y'd old heifer, not for sale, that I would have bo't for a reasonable price. Potter, the hired man, tho't I should see the capt. at Mr Kinsley's - thither I marched - Mr K. explained the business to me respecting the fence which was in dispute between Reuben Armstrong & capt. H. and they were going to have an arbitration of it at the house of Deacon Dimmick, & s'd Deacon with Enos Rudd was to hear & decide the question - With Mr K. who complained of bad health - went over to the tavern - found capt H. a few rods N. with R. Armstrong, Sim Thayer Jun, J. Starin & others - said a few words to H. respecting his cows which were set at \$25 for that which he would sell and \$35 for the other. Of course there was no trading. Coming past my friend A. Breese's was informed that one of those heifers which I had purchased of him on the 29th (31st) had a calf by her side - he by request said he would butcher it at the age of 3 days - & save skin & rennet & I furthermore engaged him to buy a cow for me at his father's the same as if for himself, keep her & those just named as long as I should wish him to at 50" pr week while dry - and I might have that which he should buy, at what he paid - more or less. Coming to E.D. Hubbell's hay barn found H. feeding his cattle a short distance this side his father's - so he got onto his horse & very sociably kept me company to his great gate opening into his lane N. of his house. Came directly home - rather dissatisfied with this day's work. Manure was carted at home.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 Cold, very cold until near noon. P.M. it softened down - Dry harsh wind - dreadful to wint. grain. Carting manure onto land S. of the upper brook adjoining Sam'l H's farm was continued, assisted until noon. P.M. visited grist & oil mills. Bargained for or spoke to Rockw'd for 30 bbls oil meal, which he on the 9th said I should have in about 3 weeks for cash in 30 days or so, at 2/0 per bbl. Saw H. Sage respecting the sawing of bass & butternut timber which he said would be immediately attended to. I afterwards bargained



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to B.Squires the stuff of the large logs at \$1 pr hund & told him he might see A.Wills and inform him that the remainder he might take

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at the same price, payable first of june - stuff to be sawed as they should direct. Sold to J.Norton Jr my brandy made at his distillery at 40" pr G. Rec'd note of \$13.35 due 1 day after date. Agreed to wait on him until his return from N.Y'k At W.Haswell's rec'd for Sch. Dist.No 2 \$39.06 pr order on Treasury. Bo't on a/c of F.Blackmer & Co 1 lb tea at 84". Came home & bro't friend Wight with me. Ira B.Dewey & Benajah Potter from the 4 D's Meeting tarried the night with us - likewise N.L.Robinson. In Alg's street saw Mr Southworth my cheese merchant with whom exchanged usual civilities - requested to know if we had on hand late made cheese which I would dispose of? Replied in the negative. It seems this gent. had attended the 4 Days Meeting.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 Dreadful frozen blasting winds continued pouring up on us from the North. Domestic concerns so engrossed my mind that I could attend but sparingly to reading & writing. We saw that our hay would hold out but very few days if we contin'd dealing it out in the manner we had done - we therefore commenced giving the cows meal & potatoes - the former to those in the yards - the latter to 7 h'd in the orch'd E. of the Dairy house and gave less hay. The cry for hay was great at this time. Had business at H.Waters' this eve'g - Bargained with him for 20 bhls rye at 75" from Hinsdill's - saw Southw'h & Wight - Came home late.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 Much ice in ponds & streams this morn'g - very cold until late in the m'g - fine day - grew mild tow'd eve'g. Rode to the oil mill - rec'd & paid in part for 5 bhls oil meal at 2/0 - remained due for this 2/0 and 1/6 for what Geo P. had got a few days since - came home with s'd stuff & grist of rye from the other mill. Made agreement with S.Rockwood as mentioned on Saturday. P.M. as sisted in carting manure. Evening had business E.p't of the town. Saw S.Prett Jr in his mill just after sunset & as he was running through his saw for the last time that day. Talked with him about getting boards of pine 20 inches wide - 16 & 14 ft long - had none on hand of that description less than 1 1/2 inches thick - would be sawing again within 2 or 3 weeks when I could come over & suit myself - at from \$1.50 to \$2. pr hund. - made no certain bargain. Informed me that himself & son during the Wint. past had got in 700 logs - besides which there was a large supply of customers logs which would give him employment until haying time - his slabs gave him a full supply of wood at home - had cut no timber for that purpose this, or say, last winter. Went to the house of M.Hurd Jun and paid over to Miss Ruth Hurd \$24.06 - Saw Mr & Mrs H. as well as my old acquaintance Aaron Osborn. Came over the hill to Sim. Harwood's - called and requested to know if he would want

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more calves, said no, spoke of paying for that which they had already had, could not conveniently pay at this time. See Mar 26-29. On the same errand visited L.Barney who would have been very glad to buy calves of me, but by lending hay to Burr'l Green, had so shortened himself as to disable him altogether from increasing his stock. Advanced directly over the lots to S.Loomis' to see Miss Betsey who taught our school in this Dist last summer, to whom there was due about \$3. Did not see her being in Algiers. Got home between 8 & 9. There was a pretty good moon.



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I.B.Dewey was off to find him a place to hire at.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 Sharp chilling air early in the day, pleas't & mild P.M. Geo P. was sent to Swift & Hinsdill's & rec'd on Hiram Waters acc't 20 bbls rye at 75 pr bhl, besides transporting lumber from W's shop to s'd S.&H's. Cr'd Waters the grain & chgd transportation of lumber, on B'k. Rye \$15. the other was 50". With wife visited Sanf'd & Brown's store & bo't on cr \$1.75 tin ware and other articles making up a bill of \$2.44 besides a very good spade pretty rusty - which was without price, excepting that it should not exceed \$1. - belon belonged to a pack purchased by Dr Swift for the Trnpikers - should be set as low as the doct. would say. Cloth was procured of Miss L. Harwood for Hopkins a suit - blue woolen - 2d hand - formerly petty c't & habit to be paid in goods hereafter. Carpenter cut pantaloons for Hopkins. Mr Sweet of Hoosick came to see Ira B., but the fellow had not ret'd here since he went away on Monday, nor could we tell where he was - We were sorry because we presumed Mr S. was a good man. Sam H. Brown came over this eve'g & rec'd into his possession a certain paper lodged in my hands a few years since. Talked much of the immense wealth of J.E. Hinman of Utica, N.Y. Father prepared posts for fence. P.M. we dug holes for posts. Saw Mr L. Sherwood in the street - informed me that he had negotiated with Wm Henry Esq for a considerable part of the farm lately owned and occupied by his late brother John, N.W. part of Bennington. Writings were to be drawn this day by which possession would be given to Loren the son of Capt L. Sherwood, if rightly conceived by me.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 Handsome spring weather - really fine - some smoky great encouragement for farmers. Built 2 lengths board fence running E. & W. between upper & lower milking yards. Regulated the hinge post of the large gate leading into the latter y'd. Hopkins drove nails. Took up the stump of the old hinge post of the S. mead. gate & planted a new one. Wind blew too much to sow plaster or we should have gone at it.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12 Another very handsome day - warm - snow on the mountains began to dissolve pretty rapidly - of course our rivers were on the rise. Sowed plaster in the great cow pasture W. of Morton's - finished up to the elm tree where the sowing was begun in 1831. Nearly compleated sowing over the six acre clover pasture S. of Sam'l H's jog. Omitted stabling cows at night. An Episcopal Minister preached at the Brick Academy this evening.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13 Warmpleas't, very fine, but dry, wind variable should say mostly from N. Brought the sowing of plaster nearly to a close. The grounds whereon it was cast were the old 9 acre ox pasture N. of the Grove - the Triangle N. of the upper orch'd & the present ox-pasture adjoining S.H. Brown's woods & the possessions of Gen'l D. Robinson. I was much worn down at night after lugging & sowing plast all day. Some fencing was overhauled and grist prepared for mill next day, which decided the employment of this day.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 Warm until past noon, indeed ver. warm P.M. changed to cldy & cool. Examined acc'ts & made out statement of a/c with E. Montague ready for a Review - because I had discovered by this Diary, and my cash book, that friend M. as well as myself



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were wro gly impressed as to his paying for all the cider he rec'd here last summer. Out of six he paid for 2 bbls only. S'd statement having been compleated, cous. Ira B.D., arrived from White Creek where he had located himself with an old man named Chase, did not like his situation very well & meant to quit if possible notwithstanding his wages amounted to \$11 pr month. Brought a letter from the P. Office the contents of which afforded information & amusement. I sat down immediately & wrote a sort of reply to it which I suppose on his return to W.C'k left in ou our office. The aforesaid Hopkinton letter was written by cous. Sally Dewey - dated Mar. 25 - If time would permit, more particulars should b be mentioned. P.M. Ira with his employer's horse & wagg. departed & I in wagg. with books rode to Montague's - found M. at home & immediately fell to work to see how the business was situated - while thus employed Judge Stephen Robinson came in & assisted in adjusting our affair & it was soon effected satisfactorily - M. found his cash a/c squared with mine - appeared to be convinced that he had not paid for the cider charged in a/c and after thoroughly looking over his books and striking a fair balance there appeared to be due me \$5.49 for which rec'd his note due 1 day after date. Conversed awhile on the Williamstown Chapel concern

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in which there was as much fraud played up as could well be covered & which if it had been followed to the end would have landed M's antagonist I dare not say where - after hearing this related over came home. While at M's there was one of the sons of the late G. Robinson settling some wood acc't. Capt Henry Harwood was in a short time - and Judge Stephen gave Erastus a strong invitation to go to school meeting, which he hated to ~~hated~~ to attend but finally promised he would - Geo P/ & Hopkins went to mill - bro't from the saw mill 14 butternut posts - had grist of meal gr'd - Hopkins had frock surtout cut by T. Davis for which with my money he was paid 2/3 - G.P. had cutting done & paid for it with money og his own - I likewise sent by him pay in full for 3/6 to H. Sage for oil meal and it was paid - see Ap'l 9th. Geo also butchered 3 young calves belonging to the cows called "Red Star", "Line" & "Rockwood". Father fixed old & drove neighbors creatures off field of grain in C's orch'd. My acc't vs Montague am'td to \$31.40, his to \$25.91

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 East w'd, cldy, unpleas't, stormed at night. Wife, daughter & son walked together to church. Lydia attended P.M. Took up her residence at H. Waters' for the present. Sylvanus & Orr W. Den's visited here in the morning - by the latter wrote line to cous. Marg't of Petersburg - If she had made up her mind to work for us the pres't season would wait upon her over either on the last Sunday in Ap'l or first Sabbath in May - Daniels hired 1 h. wagg. to ride to Hoo-sick. N.L. Robinson took supper with us - all in good part - Mother supped by herself in her room - the rest of the family stuck by the old Kitchen. Sol Wright Jun and Wm Gool were going across the farm tow'd Pownal - found 2 young calves which from appearances were landed at ab't one and the same time and very near each other on a descending piece of ground near a run of water into which both had tumbled, one across the other - and over them the cows were making a fuss. Our friends had the humanity to relieve the poor creatures from a situation so very bad and called to some of the family to have us come & see to them - which we immediately did. See Apl 27 & July 5 1831 -, all turned out well, no trouble. Milk was set at night for cheese - Cows on milking list were 11 in number.



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MONDAY, APRIL 16 Cold, S.E. wind very rain came on late in the day.  
Cleared S. milking yard of timer & rubbish - plowed garden. Geo built milk bench for Sally besides butchering 2 calves. Fourteen of the cows

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had bro't calves since Mar 15 - one sow had a litter of 8 pigs about the end of Mar & in one way or other within very few days lost every one. The other (had but two) had a superb litter, 7 in number, now 11 days old, doing finely indeed. Adeline s aid over night at H. Waters'. Father & Mother regularly took seats at our table. Copied a/c vs A. Bates for H. Waters. Mr Wight had measles at Watebs'. Syl W. Daniels bo't 1 ton hay for Norman Norton - p'd cash \$11 for the same. Our portion of hay was wofully small - not over  $1\frac{1}{2}$  tons - nearly level with the floor girt - See Apl 3 - daily gave out meal & Potatoes - of the former rather exceeding 2 qts, or say 5 pints apoece to 20 h'd in the y'd and of the former to 7 h'd in the orch'd, ab't 5 pecks pr h'd.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 Raw, cold E. wind contin'd, rained by turns - consid'd favorable to growth of grass, grain etc. Piece gr'd by cider press was plowed and commenced with potato patch near the leaning basswood. Two calves butchered by Geo P. Father clubbed manure in the meadows. Our first cheese of 2 curs was put to press. Adeline staid at uncle Hi's. H. Waters rec'd pr black Charles  $9\frac{1}{4}$  lbs butter on a/c at 1/0. Neighbor Getty plowed Blue Hill on S. part of the Fay Farm. William O. Campbell came to look at the Chatfield place, with the view of taking up his residence there - but after surveying it closely gave it up totally - returned to Sunderland contented.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 Stiff breeze from the E., cldy & cold, not however so as to freeze. Geo P. contin'd plowing. T. Kent in our employm't spread manure in S. meado - Father pursued business as stated on the 17". My business was about barn, house &c. P.M. walked by way of the Atwood farm to Algiers - saw J. Norton with his man Sibley clearing his ground back of his house of small stones - questioned him respecting road-scraper which he told me was at Eunice Jewett's - should immediately send word to have it returned forthwith. My friend spoke of the new street which was in contemplation, would pass over the ground on which he was then employed - added greatly to the value of his land - had already rec'd 2 applications for lots. Called on Bradford Witherell to see if he had any notion of buying the Chatf'd place, but found him altogether cool on that subject. Conversed with him awhile on the peddling business which he had tried some in the articles whips & chairs - with fair dealers he was fair, but with jockies he did as he th't best. Viewed basswood sawed at the Colvin & Olin mill - was sorry I sold my stuff to B. Squires'. Returned here in season to assist in business at the barn. Adeline came home from Acad. Friend Chatfield paid his respects here late in the day.

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Commenced snowing 9 in the morning - rained & snowed together a part of the day intermingled with hail - contin'd all day - snow increasing on the mountains & high grounds. Geo finished plowing potato patch. Tho's Kent spread manure  $1/3$ d the day. Geo assisted Mr Harwood in potting 67 lbs 11 oz's. cheese, which after being potted weighed 62 lbs. Father & myself appraised for Dr N. Swift horned cattle comprehending oxen - 4 hd -



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Cows 8 h'd - and yearlings, 5 h'd & 4 very fine young sows, amounting in all to an estimation of \$387 - to Joseph Graves who had obtained a lease of the Farm for one year from Apl 1st. O.W. Daniels visited here. Respecting the business above described - entered the list on paper with the prices annexed & when at home deposited the same in the desk to be returned on request of the parties. Mary, the honest Hoosick cow, had a calf this day - 16th on the list.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 Sour unpleas't, cldy-snow on the M'ts - Showery in the bargain - getting home basswood lumber from the saw-mill made business for me & cous. Geo. In the morning called on B. Squires' and asked him if he would give me more than was agreed upon for the basswood if it app'd to be worth more - letting him know at the same time that I considered myself holden to him unless released by his consent. He said he would take no advantage in that way - if I should esteem it worth more than \$1. pr hund. he did not want it - might take away the stock which he had already got in his yard - I, however, in the course of the conversation supposed he would keep the stuff last named at the usual price, but in this I was in error, for on coming through the Street with the other stock of planks of the same tree, he said if I carried off those must also take the whole - & so I did next day by the hand of Geo P. While waiting at wid. Olins for the return of Geo P. for his 2d l'd made particular inquiry of Mr O. respecting her late father and mother - and the age of her brothers & sisters, talked about the disputed water privilege concerning which Mr Hunt had made so much trouble and appeared disposed to make a good deal more. Dined with friend H. Sage - His lady appeared very well - said her husb'd was 34 - herself 30 - They shewed Priests book on the Millenium, which they considered very important on that subject. S's bill of sawing amounted to something over 1600 ft at \$2. pr M. Spoke of the thin stuff being badly sawed for which he would make reasonable allowance in making his acc't - agreed to wait on me until first of June for pay. Wills' didn't want s'd stuff.

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Mr John Harwood was running the oil mill for Sage at \$1 pr day. Appeared to work with great alacrity although in his sixtieth year. Paid Sage \$2 in advance for oil meal at 2/0 to be deliv'd on Monday 23d inst. Saw Stephen Harwood, partially engaged a pair of cheese hoops of him. Engaged Witherell to bottom a few chairs at 20" a piece. Said that he did not know but that he might want some vinegar toward pay - Saw Uncle S. Wadsworth who said he had not yet sold his cow - was yet for sale. Came up by the Centre Meeting house - made calls at Hicks', Sanford's & Brown's & at H. Waters - Mrs W. said she'd board Adeline at the rate of \$1 pr w'k; Saw Miss Lydia & Miss Ad. Got home in season to assist in adjusting barn affairs. Or W. Daniels rode here this morn'g & bo't on cr. 15 lbs cheese at 7", and 5½ lbs butter at 1/0. Sylvanus W. Dan's called, had his hair cut preparatory to going to wedding at Berlin - Mr Gleason came to see us this morning - wanted to borrow \$5 or \$6 in money. Told him I had not got it for him.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 Dry wind in strong gusrs from N. or N.W. flying clds. Pastures of course dry & backward. Geo finished transporting lumber including some good butternut posts for fence - carried table to be repaired at Coffin's - Tho's Kent with cous. H. Warren completed spread'g manure in the meadow, excepting what was intended to be plowed under - afterwards hoed up manure in the yards - performed very



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well. G. butchered 2 calves. About noon a boy, said to be N. Davenport's, came in a 1 h. wagg. & wanted to get 1 bbl cider - paid me \$1.50. The boy dined with us. After dinner broached a rum hhd in the dairy house cellar - turned out to be very good - Mr S. Weeks particularly requested that it should be so - we were satisfied that the cask was too large - the pails were carefully filled and counted as ~~w~~ they were emptied - numbering 14 - pails were afterwards measured with a gallon & quart measures, and it was beyond doubt that every pailful held  $10\frac{1}{2}$  quarts - making out 147 in the whole which reduced to gall's gives G's 36 3 qrs. Delivered to H. Waters this morn'g 126 $\frac{1}{2}$  ft seasoned bassw'd boards at \$1 pr hund. Joel H. Thomas came with 1 h. wagg to take away s'd stuff. Geo turned churn in the evening - a large quantity of butter was obtained, say more than 30 lbs. Since Sunday morn'd the cows had bro't 6 calves. Mr Wight came to tarry the night with us - was getting well skowly - p' me money & int. mention'd Nov 6 1831. Bro't news of the death of Fay Edgerton at Woodstock, Vt., 2d son of U. Edgerton Esq - aged about 29 yrs. The remains of J. Buel Norton which had lately been rescued from the waters of the Hudson, were transport'd from Kinderhook to this town by A. J. Haswell arrived this P.M. See Nov. 16

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Really melancholy on account of being so frozen in the morning and the unceasing blast of dry parcheng N. winds. Contin'd feeding the cows in the manner described on the 8th & 16th - Mixed in oil meal pretty plentifully. The cows named "Judd" & "Chandler" bro't 2 calves - that of the former was a whapper. Miss Adeline came down from H. Waters' this morn'g greatly tormented with teethache. Orrin W. Daniels was married to Miss Susan Rhodes of Berlin, N.Y. on Saturday eve'g at the house of her father by the Rev'd . Was neither shaved nor shirted during this day - supposed I had not time. Suitable funeral solemnities were this day observed previous to the interment of the remains of Jonathan Buel Norton in the centre burying gr'd and of those of Fay Edgerton in the burying place in Deac. Hinsdill's neighborhood.

MONDAY, APRIL 23d Cold winds continued, but actually the weather became warmer. Pasturing very backw'd, seemed too to strive against adversity. Began plowing a piece of the meadow beyond the upper brook. Bounded E. by S.H. Brown's F. farm. It was well manured. Business rec'd a check at noon by reason of the near ox, a fine old fellow, getting choked with a potatoe. At first sent to S.H.B.'s for assistance S. Searls & neighbor Getty came - and according to prescription of the former thin soap was pured down without effect - Geo arrived with a schwab purposely contrived for such a case kept by friend Brooks - endeavored to confine the fellow for forcing down the potatoes but after getting him as well prepared as circumstances would permit no one had courage to undertake the operation - therefore as a last resort drove him to Chandler's - confined him in the shoeing frame - sent for & immediately obtained the hon. Mr Brooks who very promptly ran the swab down the fellow's neck and relieved him at once - So we returned to business again. Mr Isaac Judd rec'd 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs pork at 10" pr lb., paid \$1. Rec'd visit from Mrs D. Waters & cous. Emily this P.M.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 Cold adverse wind contin'd - appalling to all farmers - wind ceased after sunset - clear sky - Contin'd the employment of the 23d - broken off by turning out hand & team



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to assist in the removal of P.Dewey's Distillery building. Geo went to Alg's & ret'd with 6 bbls oil meal for which I left money when there la last - got table which had been repaired at Coffin's. Father & self repaired Sam H.B's fence between his woods & gen. R's with a view of letting the cows run a day or two in the woods, but on inspecting the ground and seeing so much barrenness as we strolled about - gave it up - Came r round by Norton's line putting up fence home - Saw S.W.Dan-

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iels plowing for Norman Norton. Orr W.Daniels visited us. Appeared very well.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 Chilly morning - turned out to be the warmest day that we had seen the present Spring - so much warmer than it had been - really encouraging - Finished plowing patch in the meadow. P.M. went to Graves' on the Doct. place and procured the ox called Pero - drew up several loads manure and at the conclusion of the day sent to Dewey's pr Geo P. & got a large Distillery tub. Hopkins was sent to Norton's - ret'd with whipple-tree chain. Had now on hand 22 cows that were milkers. Adeline came home from H.Waters'. This morning a coarse old man calling himself a preacher og the gospel - said there wa was a great body of snow at the N.W. Barn swallows arrived this day. Our old minister said a great many people had died, as well as cattle, horses, sheep &c. occasioned by inclemency of the season - terrible times all over the country. Saw Northern Lights in the evening. Price of Distillery tub \$5.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 Fine growing time - S. wind - rained & thund'd P.M. made great alteration in appearance of vegetation. With much tugging father & self kept the team drawing out manure which was loaded on the field N. of the barn. Chatfield came here on the 25th went away before night. Not on that but on this day that Adeline came home.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 Coolish, but great season for growth of grass & grain. No leaves had appeared yet - elms began to show buds pretty plainly. Business of 26 contin'd and it was hard work in the bargain. Orrin W.Daniels with his wife, late S.Rhodes, and his mother, came here on a visit - Went away early in the evening - took our 1 h.wagg.in order to convey to Berlin his lady next day engaging to go for us to Phil lips' to gallant cous. Marg't here. Rec'd letter from my uncle Jared Dewey, Hopkinton, N.Y. dated 16th inst., all in usual health in his family and generally so among the relatives there. Had heard nothing from their son Ira B. - desired me to write immediately - so it seems they had not rec'd that which I wrote on the 14th - of course they could not - but previous to this period it is probable mine has reached them.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 Rained 3 or 4 hours, wind chilly from the E. fine growing season for pasturage & grain. Hay all gone excepting a square block at the N.W. corner of the W.bay containing from 6 to 800 lbs appropriated to feed the oxen while at Spring work. The cows had been stinted for hay in some measure ever since the first inst., and a good deal since the 8th and though they were active & in high spirits and gave pretty fair messes of milk, yet did they appear thin, low in flesh, high boned, long haires & fitly prepared for racing. We this day turned them away to pasture, feeding them in the morn'g as hitherto. Nearly compleated getting out manure - sent home Pero & cart at night.



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North side the barn there was such a quantity of snow & ice preserved in the manure that it was next to impossible or very difficult to do anything with it, so had to put it over to a warmer season. There were 43 lds manure carted in to the afores'd field - 25 more on the patch S. of the upp. brook & perhaps 5 more into the garden. Friend Wight came to see & spend the eve'g with us - very sociable & agreeable - getting well of the measles, but troubled with a disordered ear. Geo. said Sanf'd had his barn removed down E. S. of the tin-shop. Hopkins first had his frock coat from the hand of Miss Chamberlin. Geo rec'd pair pantaloons, woolen, made at HW's by his lady & Lyd. H.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 Cold rainy morning w'd S.E. & cldy all day. Assisted in putting 2 curded cheese into press, which when taken out 3 days afterwards weighed  $76\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Shaved off beard & feelin the want or esst went to bed & enjoyed a good nap. P.M. busy writing. Rec'd visit from H. Waters & N.L. Robinson - the latter pd quite a vis.

MONDAY, APRIL 30 Chilly, rainy early in the day, cldy thro the day, w'd E. G.P. transacted business in Algiers - got oil meals, marketed 4 bbls cider - P.M. garden plowed, few potatoes planted. Stoop floor repaired by father - performed many odd jobs - Regulated cheeses - used new presses. In the aft. p't of the day visited the S't saw capt P. Dewey who off'd to sell his  $\frac{1}{2}$  gaging rod and Distillery spouts - told him I would buy. Paid  $18\frac{3}{4}$  cts postage on Jared Dewey's letter. Carried Lists of B. & H. Harwood to post office to be given to Heman Robinson, one of the Listers of Bennington - Gave in my Poll - B.H gave in 30 cows, yoke oxen & 1 horse - 100 acres improved land & Dwelling, first of this month. Visited Printing Office - saw D. & S. Clark - saw Steb Walbridge Sen doing business with S.H. Blackmer - Wandered towards Fassett's - tho't I'd let him rest one day longer - would rather see him in the morning. At Sanf'd & Br's got broom for 14" & buttons, pins and - Called at H.W's - went to the old cellar of D's Distillery - examined & laid up spouts. Saw at Chandler's J. Morton and B. Ayres - the latter wanted to purchase butter - could him could spare none unless H. Waters would give way - called on Mrs W. to see whether she would - but she stuck to the original contract. Came home and assisted in milking the cows which were doing well - big tub nearly filled with milk

TUESDAY, MAY 1st Cold, froze hard in many places, flying clds wind N.W Geo P. went to Doolittle's G. mill, got grist, had rope to tackle spliced by Isaac Doo. who was formerly a sailor - charged nothing for it, only hoped I should send him another cheese. G. was employed P.M. plowing ground for planting. I crossed lots to J.T.R's

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where I had been told they wanted butter, but found them supplied - Stepp'd over to D. Love's - sold & rec'd pay for  $8\frac{1}{4}$  lbs at 1/0. Stephen Dewey & others were in the Bar Room. Went back of Brick tavern to see Henry Fassett whom found looking at G.S. Brannock while preparing furniture to remove to other parts - Waterford, N.Y., as I was informed afterwards. Fassett cracked a few jokes at me - visited some of the neighbors to collect money - returned to the printing office and there paid me in full on Note of Oct 29 1831 \$12.06. Procured paper of this date at the Off. Sam H. Brown much enjoyed farming it.



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WED. MAY 2d

Very chilly morning, wind blew more or less from N.W began to grow mild tow'd eve'g - Sky overcast with flying clds. Plowing & spread'g manure formed the main business back of the barn, this side the rocks. I tinkered cheese presses & besides in the early part of the day walked to town & endeavored to hire horse to go to Hoosick, N.Y., in order look up girl - all engaged for this day. Dr N. Swift said I might have one of his horses next day - Complained to Dr H. Swift of an ailment that plagued me - tried to get him to prescribe for me, said he would on a future day - must not drink cider. Bo't of Capt P. Dewey this morning his Distillery sp'ts & gaging rod for \$1.75 payable in the Fall ensuing. On Sunday Or Daniels arrived from Berlin, N.Y., had called on cous. Marg't as requested by me - She had engaged her self in Williamstown, Mss at \$1.25 pr week - could not work for us - neither could she give information where a substitute could be had. Mrs Dunn & little Annis visited ys this day.

THURSDAY, MAY 3d

Good weather, because some rainy, favorable to the growth of grass. Two acres ground sown with oats. After attending to cheese and many other notions, started with Dr Swift's gray mare for Hoosick but the beast behaved so coltish did not dare to venture ourselves with her - left waggon half way down the lane - took her immediately home - hired Chandler's and after paying a visit to Breese's to inquire about cows, at the same time asking frequently where we might find a girl to hire, constantly receiving negative answers, called to see Betsey Nelson at her brother-in-law's - gone from home - pre engaged - Drove to Hinsdill's & Swift's - traded out \$5.42 worth on cheese acc't - See Mar 6 - Saw S. Hinsdill, J. N. Hinsdill, Ed H. Swift, Mr Seminary Ballard & others - Edward wanted butter for which he said he'd pay in cash a good round price. Meeting J. Hubbell Esq in the St't inquired for girl referred us to his maid who told us there was a Miss Susan Palmer living in Dover, Vt., who wished to get a place and would be glad to work for us at 75" pr week - must write her - Direct to Tho's Palmer. Called at Sanford & Br's where Mrs Harwood bo't 14 yds calico at 2-" pr yd for, or

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towards which she paid \$1.20, remainder charged on book. Got home in season to assist some at milking. Pastures growing green every day. Miss Adeline Jeweyt commenced teaching school in Dist. No. 2 on the first inst. Her first beginning in business of this kind

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Strong S. wind - thunder & short showers a part of A. M. S.w'd contin'd all day. Rained powerfully at n't. Wrote letter to Miss Palmer this morn'g and only had time to get it into the hands of the stage-driver - with request to the P. Mast. of Dover to forward, being postage paid. Made her acquainted with what she would be required to do & someth'g of the am't of business to be done & the price which was not to exceed 75" - not disposed to make slaves of our hired hands. Wanted she should, if circumstances were such as to ~~permit~~ prevent her coming to engage some one of her friends at the same price to come over. Desired her either to come or write without delay. Stage appeared to be very full. Saw V. D. McEwen, Henry Safford, Sam'l Weeks and others at Hicks'. Saw one of the Managers of the new T. Pike road across the Gr Mountain among the rest, saw him ride away with a young lady tow'd the S., wore mourning weed. Near the Post O. saw & conversed with uncle Sam'l Robinson about grass seed &c. Went to the Brannack house & at th



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the barn saw Mr Sam'l Wadsworth & his son William who had just arrived from conveying Brannack's household effects to Waterford- informed me how ungratefully B. had used them in regard to the pay for s'd service. Previous to removal gave great promises - engaged a quantity of corn to them but behold before William got back B. sold it to J. Loomis & took his money for it, and the W's might whistle for their compensation, excepting a few light refuse articles which were left behind. Billy, an Irish man named Lawlor, formerly in the service of J.C. Andrews, lately in that of Brannack, was left alone sick with measles, friendless & penniless, B. having flattered him to lend him the last cent he had in the world and then refused totally to pay him one farthing. When he broke last Winter owed for beef, pork &c. Pork mostly I am told, to Abisha Kinsley \$50., which bit was altogether probable he would never pay. So much for B's. Uncle Sam'l had not sold his cow - I requested the privilege of buying, understood him to say he would take \$23 for her. Came home & assisted at plowing & mending fence. Was informed that in crossing the G. Mountains great quantities snow yet remained on hand. This would acc't for such chilling winds that have been blowing so much the pres't Spring.

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SATURDAY, MAY 5 Wet, cold, cldy m'g - strong wind blew from N.W. had rained heavily over night - wind contin'd blowing most of the day, fly'g clds. Sent pr G.P. 4 bbls, 6½ g's cider to J. Sharp Algiers for which he p'd money \$6.30, price being \$1.50 likewise deliv' by same hand 1 bbl 2 galls cider to Harry Norton, put to his acct at the same price. In racking the af'sd cider we used a large wooden faucet through which it flowed into a tub (4½ cheese pail tub) out of which it was dipped with a sealed Gall measure & poured into tunnel which conducted it into the cask., every gallon was accurately counted and we could do business quicker so than to use pails, as had been customary with us. Or W. Daniels came here, assisted some in loading the cider, dined with us Sent to H. Waters 20-6/16 lbs butter. Geo on his return bro't the spits bo't of Capt P. Dewey. The basswood lumber was stuck up by B. Harwood Esq P.M. with Hopkins visited the house of Sam'l Wadsworth after enduring a hard walk up the mountain - William was getting up wood with a light pr of 3 yr old steers - made an agreement for his sister's cow at \$23 after having calf - to be driven to us and we not to be at any risk, while she remained with them. Came down mountain and from the farm of E. Fillmore crossed over to Starins' - Paid S. for keeping cow \$2.12½ according to agreement 6th of Apl - and she was well kept - found the man fair & honorable - his son, a lad of 13, mounted horse & assisted in driving to Breese's - S's other cow being in Co - Found B. engaged in repairing barn - paid \$1.50 for cow keeping - the 2 I took of him were low in flesh - see Mar 29th & April 6th - Elias D. Starin helped us drive to Wid. McEwen's for which I sincerely thanked him, and there left us. Got along handsomely with our drove - Made a halt at Sanford's where they were removing a building on rollers formerly the property of Dr N. Swift. Saw Sam'l Wadsworth & after some preliminary conversation by which my bargain with his son William was done away - paid him \$23., in presence of his daughter, to have s'd cow driven to me, but to be at all risk myself from date of bargain. Mr W. said he'd take good care of her while in his possession. Arrived safe here ab't sunset. Many neighbors were collected in removing said building.

SUNDAY, MAY 6th Fair, flying clds, cold wind, froze hard over night. Great quantities of snow yet remaining on the Gr M's Trees remarkably backward, no green appearance in forests at this date - some fields of grain badly killed out since 20th of Mar - others again



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appeared remarkably fine. Bob O'Lincolns just commenced their spring song in our meadows this morning. Were visited by H.Waters, B.R.Sears and Billy Ault. A sixty lb cheese was put in the press this day, that of 3rd of May weighed 49½.

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MONDAY, MAY 7 Rather pleasant in the morning, quite cold. Sky soon overcast - flying - raw S. wind all day. Plowing W. of the barn and spreading the manure formed the main business - I tinkered cheese presses. Weighed cheese, made I think on Friday, which weighed 52½ lbs. Little more than filled the 2 largest tubs - milked 26 cows T.C.Pars's here this m'g - Mrs Andrews paid us visit P.M. Friend Wight came down in the eve'g complaining of bad eyes. Strained cord to old bedstead - many b.d b..gs killed in the bargain. Mr Andr's was calculating to go with his family to Pittsfield Ms., during the pres't season, he being employed in the Seminary to teach music. Sam'l H. Brown was now putting up his wood-house & kitchen.

TUESDAY, MAY 8th Mild winf from S. bro't on fine rain 3 P.M. very seasonable for all kinds of vegetables. Spent A.M. in dairy affairs - Walked abroad P.M. - engaged Mrs Harris to wash for us on Wed - Saw Judge L.Nort'n one mom't - Went to Alg's - transacted business with Sage at the saw mill - agreed for oil meal to be ready next day at Colvins - Wrote line to Stephen Harwood ordering pair of cheese hoops - 19 inches diameter & 9 high to be made of bent stuff. Bargained calfskins & potatoes to Turner Hills - Going up meeting house hill met & conversed with Bradf'd Witherell ab't the Chatfield place - hoped he would purchase it - he gave slight encouragement to that effect. At the P.Off. got Jour'l of H. but no letter from Dover, went again to see Hubbell's girl whose name she said was Lucretia Taylor - was suffed with more favorable notions respecting Miss S.Palmer &c &c Bo't of San f'd & B. 11 lbs br sugar for \$1. on book - got 1 pap gard seeds in like manner - saw Henry V.D.Speigle, Seymour M. & Brooks - called at F.B. & Co's, got paper garden seeds, on book - saw capt P.Dewey & A.Robinson Sr Perhaps made call at H.Waters' & came home. Bo't of 2 colored men who said they belonged in Shaftsbury Hollow, 1 clothes bask't, 1 3-peck do & a hand bask't for which paid them what they asked, \$1. The head man complained of hard fortune. I came from Town accomp'd by T.Kent & his cous Henry Warren.

WED. MAY 9 Mild, cldy, growing seas. the first storm the present that had cleared up warm. Geo conveyed to T.Hills 22 calf skins & 15 bbls potatoes for which rec'd ready pay, \$13.75 for the former & \$5. for the latter - skins weighed 64 lbs - however were not sold with reference to weight. From Colvins rec'd 27½ bbls oil meal, making up my contract for thirty - See some April date - Bro't stone boat planks from Sage's, for which I said he must have \$1.25 - he urged me to buy them, and as I understood him at \$1 didn't like it that he should thus raise the price. Cheese made this day filled 2d size hoop even full. Fath. worked in garden.

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Or Dan's paid us a visit - first saw colt bro't by our mare Jenny - fine stud. Mrs Harris performed at washing. The Hathaway cow was sent home from H.Waters'. Hopkins being indisposed from headache came home



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at noon.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 Fined spring day seen the present backward season. Maples began to appear green. Geo rolled ground for planting. Father worked in garden. (Or W.Dan's rec'd 10 bhl potatoes on cr, took home oxen to plow with, no this was on Friday respecting Dan's). Potatoes were prepared ready for planting. Cheese of the 8th May weighed 65 lbs - quantity of it removed to the cheese room was judged to am't to lbs 1000. Went to Sam'l Rowkwood's & tried to make sale of the Hathaway cow - he did not want to buy. Visited Judge L.Norton - found him busy in his shop - his house was being painted, new shed & wood shed in the bargain - permitted me to bring home a large packet of N.Y. Spect's - Executed an errand at Norman Norton's - Got home late - milking was late - Wight & Chatfield assisted. Mr Hooker paid us a visit here at noon. W. & C. tarried over night.

FRIDAY, MAY 11 Fine and warm. Or Daniels bro't over his mare which he left for our use while he took away oxen with wa waggon including 10 bhl potatoes on cr calculating to plow with the team 2 days. Geo with Hopkins for rider furrowed ground for planting corn W. of the barn, besides the potatoe gr'd S. of us. Besides attending to dairy concerns, assisted in planti g potatoes. Molly Coffin, our good cousin, paid her respects to us this day. Geo with H. rode in 1 h. wagg to Algiers on an errand at J.Harwood's - They found Circus Riders at Dewey & Week's.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 Very fine warm day - Ground being in fine order - by assistance of Tho's & Reuben Kent finished planting 4 acres corn W. of the barn. A fire was discovered in the woods and suppressed a little past noon. It burnt off an old oak tree belonging to Gen Robinson standing near our N.line a few rods back of the pasture S.of the upper orch'd, burnt over a considerable space of ground, taking only dry leaves and such other combustibles as fell in its way, finally was got under without doing much mischief. Visited the post office - rec'd no reply to my letter to Miss Palmer - wrote to the P.M. of Dover to send a girl - Lydia & Diadamia came down late in the day in waggon to take a short look, having the babe with them - were soon off. In the evening being desirous to hear good music - visited the Circus ground - but did not, nor did I antend to darken their doors, but just as they closed their performance - by invitation walked in - 25" for grown persons & half price for children. Hopkins enjoyed the scenes as did T. & R. Kent.

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Of course I paid nothing ezcept the boy's money, 12" - Good music - Clarion't, Bugle and violin - heard 2 very good songs - saw outside Eben Chase, T.C.Parsons, Henry Norton, Nath'l Danforth, Jon Pratt & others - Came away past 10 - When the people departed there appeared to be an immense concourse gathered from such a place as Bennington. Up to the close of this day snow drifts were noticed on the Gr N'ts near the Elbow on the Windham Turnpike. Married this evening by Sam H.Blackmer Esq Mr Harry Warren to Miss Eliza, only daughter of widow Eunice Kent - all of Bennington - the ceremony was performed late P.M.



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SUNDAY, MAY 13 Warm indeed, more so than at any time during the present season. Could spare little time to read or write - neighbors cattle broke into our enclosures on the side next to the Parsons' place & had to assist in mending fence. Rec'd visit from H. Waters - the widow of the late capt S. Squires departed this life in her year, this day.

MONDAY, MAY 14 Flying clds, S. wind - Rails were drawn with which the fence on the Chatfield line was thoroughly repaired. Potatoes were planted S. of the upper brook in the P.M. The cattle of neighbor broke into our side the No. line early in the day - entered complaint - said they should not plague us again - Before night my wife & daughter once more drove out the same cattle from the same part of the meadow. Information was given of these doings, and orders consequently given to have the Tan Brook lot fitted up for the reception of s'd cattle - No further trouble.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 Heavy S. wind, thick clds, heavy shower P.M., great quantity of rain fell, Pastures & grain fields appeared very fresh. App. tree blossoms just began to show themselves. Contin' planting potatoes. Mrs Harris picked the geese. Read Trial of Mina. He behaved like a wicked extravagant fool. Mrs Chapman displayed a vast deal of credulity and no less wickedness. Friend Wight came down - getting better - very good company.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 Cldy, unsettled, another great shower P.M. attended with thund. Geo P. conveyed to Deming 3, and to H. Waters 4½ bbls potatoes, charged on book at 2/0 and 1 bbl cider to Abel Wills at \$1.50 on short cr. Returned with 570 ft spruce scantling from Henry Sage's who was paid in full pr Book. For damage in sawing, gave in stone boat planks. Finished planting potato patch in S. mead. potatoes got out of the cellar &c. Adeline, Semantha Robinson & Lorraine Bigelow visited at S. Loomis'. Mrs Harris washed here.

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It was reported that Horace Dimmick, late of Pownal, had died at or near Cincinnati, Ohio, where his family went to reside last summer. See Mar 16. and July 5th. Sage's bill of sawing amt'd to \$4.59 at 25" pr hund.

THURSDAY, MAY 17 Chilly early in the day - fine day - cool breeze N.W. Leaves and blossoms showing larger & larger every day. Manure was carted to the cornfield & distributed in the hill upper side, afterwards potatoes were planted all round s'd field, well plastered, small patch by the cider mill in part planted with egg potatoes - also plast'd. Friend Wight was smart & gave assistance. He had a book of Southey's Poems reading at this time - called him Tory - disliked him. The cheeses made at this time would average about 70 lbs from the press daily - some weighed 72 & 73 - milked from 26 to 28 cows. Our friend Southworth and A.R. Hyde drop't in a little while this eve'g - Likewise cous. N.L. Robison, after their departure, leaving a borrowed cider bbl which was lent him last Fall.

FRIDAY, MAY 18 Fair and warm, w'd S. Blossoms pretty well out. Manure was carted across the upper brook below the potatoe patch, W. of the Fall Line where Seaton built stone fence - Much ice & snow remained yet in the heap whence this was drawn, laying N. side barn. All the manure carried out this spring was said to amt to 90 l'ds.



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Fine cheese put in the press this day - filled one of the largest hoops previous to being pressed. Backed a cheese to Algiers, which by our steelyards weighed  $36\frac{1}{4}$  lbs & by Austin & Booth's scales fell short 2 oz - sold to Sam'l Weeks & rec'd pay in full at 8", \$2.88. Heard violin played poorly - Saw friend Chatfield, W.E. Morgan, M. Manchester, young Downs. Friend Wight conferred with girl, but there was no girl for me.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 Cold S. wind - Rain came on late in the day - continued raining I believe most of the day. Vegetation very flourishing. Principal business going on making drain below the house. Mr S. Wadsworth deliv'd here cow & calf as agreed upon on the 5th inst. Business called me with colt, mare & wagg. to Algiers - Mr W. rode up as far as H. Waters' with me - Wanted I should sell his son William the calf of the cow just mentioned - told him he might have it if he would take it on Sunday eve'g - was bothered some on the road to Alg's by the colt following off other horses - Deliv'd to Harry Norton 6 bhl potatoes on a/c at 2/0. Heard new bell to Baptist Meeting House which they were just finishing off the job of hanging - weighed about 1042 lb Grand tone. At the mill rec'd one those cheese hoops which I directed him to make on the 8th - well made, but  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch lower than the order - left 15 lbs cheese for him with a billet in which I insisted on having the other hoop  $\frac{1}{2}$  an inch higher than the one he had made, that I should allow him his price for making (8/0) left balance of 28 cs in A. Harwoods hands to

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to be paid over on arrival of the next hoop. Saw a blackstud which they urged me to patronize, in the street near J. Pratt's - belonged to Pown'l would not consent. Come up to Coffins' shop & got table which had been repaired. Went to see B.R. Sears at Coff's new house, said he'd come to see us on the morrow. Bo't 6 G. v cream pot at Sanf'd & Br's for 3/9, booked. Mrs Sanford rode from her house down to S.H. Brown's with me, very sociable & entertaining. Sam'l H. & Getty said a good deal to induce me to send our mare to S. Fassett's horse, Cambridge, N.Y?, First horse in the U.S. - price of use \$10. Mr Wight erected fence on the N. bank of the brook, lower milk'g yard - felt better in health - returned to H. Waters' this P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 Cold, gloomy, rainy, w'd N.W. Wrote Jor'l as usual. Perused papers slightly. T.C.P. kept Sabbath with us. S. Wadsworth and son William came down to get calf & potatoes, for the former paid 75", for the latter - egg p's - had  $3\frac{1}{2}$  bhl's for which chgd nothing, letting them go to make up uncle Samuel's bargain, for the cow, as he seemed to think he ought to have had more than I gave for her tho' he did not solicit of me - Still was I of the opinion that what I had given was enough previous to this donation. He appeared to be well satisfied and very thankful for the potatoes. At night the Pool cow was missing - we were alarmed - the pasture was thoroughly searched - the neighbor's pastures were also examined without success - Nor did we find the creature until next morn'g where she was espied in one of our newly erected stalls wherein she had remained a close prisoner nearly 24 hours. It so happened on account of letting her in after the rest had been served and no one recollected to go and release her.



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MONDAY, MAY 21 Cold high N.W. wind, flying clds, flurries of rain, night & morning. Marched to J. Rogers' early in the morning because I was told a girl was to be had there, but friend J. making inquiry found she could not be had - so my cake was dough - our friend Catherine seemed to have good business at binding shoes. Friend Chatfield left us after breakfast - a quantity of musty wheat was washed - several loads hard heads & other stones carted & deposited in the drain lately dug. Mr J. Duncan had business a short time with us. We would pronounce apple trees to be in full bloom at this place about this date. The sweet plum tree which stood in the lower milking yard, formerly near the S. side of the old garden, was this day blown down. At night Adeline having worked well for her mother during the day, departed for her boarding house at H. Waters' in order to attend Mr Parkers good school. About half the upper orch'd blossomed - W's grafts were doing well.

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TUESDAY, MAY 22d Cold day, high jerking blasts from N.W. Nearly completed filling canal with stones, these being covered with straw, or some kind of material to keep the covering from sifting into the crevices among the stones - a coat of gravel was then laid on pretty plentifully. The cheese made this day came up within an inch of filling the new hoop. Procured gravel near the Dry Brook a few rods beyond the woods. Sold to H. Waters 5 lbs butter, charged in a/c 5/0.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 Very searching damp cold S.E. wind, cldy, but not so as to obscure the sun a great deal. Carting gravel was contin'd. Much of my employment fore p't of the day was dairying, which signifies that I assisted in making cheese & afterwards attended to the pressing departm't. Two l'ds gravel were carted N. side the barn, 1 do under the wagg. shed. P.M. I went to the gristmill principally with wheat, got the corn gr'd for Tho's Kent & 2 do wheat without bolting. Came round by Smith's - called on J. Norton as he was working with Sibley loading old pomace which had had been collect in a heap for the purpose making manure. My business was get those casks which I left at his distillery one day last winter - then intending to have them filled with brandy - but now calculating to fill them with cider to retail on training day. Could not enter distillery - key being at home - would lend me a bbl out of his store. Conversed with him on the distillery business which I told him I should much dislike - he pointed many unpleasant difficulties in it which led us to talk of timber and the profuse waste of it by the early settlers in these parts - more especially the Pine Woods in the N.E. part of Pown'1 where a certain Mr Webb commenced settlement who cut down and burnt up indiscriminately all pines that came in his way - & when he had done all - the land was not worth clearing.

THURSDAY, MAY 24 Col N.E. storm, Rained & snowed. E. Mountain white with snow, melancholy - uncomfortable. Cheese of the 22d weighed 81 lbs. A great many notions were attended to. 6 bbl potatoes were selected from the heap & laid away for use. Scraped road this side dry brook. Jo & David Niles made a call and looked at colt which they much liked. Paid David \$5 for use of horse and agreed for him again the present season. Mr Harris performed at washing here.

FRIDAY, MAY 25 Remarkably unpleas't & cold. W. Mount'n cov'd with snow very low, rained nearly all day. Made large cheese. Sam'l Weeks sent his large bbl again - we measured out 37½ G's g'd cider in sealed G.measure, which filled cask. Rec'd in part pay



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\$1.50, we complained to Haynes, the man who came for the cider, who said he presumed W. would do what was honorable in regard to the business. At night commenced making up curd from milk fresh from the cows. All were in various ways employed during the day. Geo P. made sett of milking stools - Heman Robinson had timber cut in his father's woods, lent him oxen to assist in hauling it down into pasture W. of cow lane - they only procured 1 piece. J. & D. Niles on their way home called & took with them the bay mare to pay respects to N's gentleman - said his price contin'd the same as last year, but let it be understood that he should, in consideration of my paying him so promptly, and the mare having a fine colt, which he wanted to show to his customers, favor me on the next years bill. Capt Stennins Walbridge & col Gr Blackmer presented petition for use of Congregational meeting house, first Wednesday & Thursday in June, for Universalist Association - many respectable names were among the signers proprietors of s'd house - affixed B. Herwood's name by his order thereto. Very unpleas't milking at night.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 Most extremely cold mor'g, contin'd cold & showery all day, there were some pretty heavy showers too - very muddy & ugly getting ab't. Geo P. went to grist mill. Assisted in making cheese & regulated cheese room. Father worked at fences, gate posts were righted up. Adelibe came home accomp'd by Miss D. Loomis. Friend Wight paid us visit, st'd the night, very friendly ingiving assistance at milking, interested himself in our dairy concern, enquiring particularly respecting such cows as he esteemed most among the herd. The cow known by the name of "White Sim" bro't by her side from the pasture a fine calf. 29 cows including a farrow one in these days averaged 32 pailfuls milk & the quantity of cheese daily made weighed from the press averaged 80 lbs.

SUNDAY, MAY 27 No less cold, but more dry than heretofore, flg cl'ds w'd N. "Ran up a curd", as they call it, at night. Large cheese tub contain'g 42 G's was filled. Dairy managem't drew my chief attention. Looked a little at the Bank Debate, H. Rep., U.S. - liked well the remarks of R.M. Johnson of Kentucky, who was one of the Committee sent to Phila., to examine Bank & c. Rec'd visit from Chatfield, another at the same time from cous. N.L. Robinson who said he calculated on going soon to Whitehall - would endeavor to find us a hired girl - Were weighed in dairy room - T.C.P. 169, N.L.R. 144, self with heavy pair coarse boots 143 lbs. Will Bates & S.W. Daniels were here tow'd eve'g, likewise T. Kent. Cheese made on the 25th weighed 83 lbs

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MONDAY, MAY 28 Cold, unpleas't during A.M. More mild P.M. but no wise warm. Cheese of 26" weighed 84 lbs. Benj R. Sears came on with his journeyman to work for us, commenced with vheese shelves, but my stuff was so bad that I had to go off to Pratt to buy pine and at a dear rate too - had to allow, for such quality as formerly sold for 80 cts, & \$1., two doll's pr hund. - selected 300 ft at that rate - Visited Pratt at his mill - rode on his son's wagg. - had 4 boards there - the remainder at his house - the former P. himself said I might take at \$1.75, but after unloading it at the house, Edward said he knew his father could not intend I should take it at less than \$2. - so I made no ado about it & suffered it to go so - laid aside 12 boards free from wain.



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Heard of hired girl. The big Breese heifer came home with a calf

TUESDAY, MAY 29 Became more like Summer - not much sunshine - wind S  
Main business laying foundation for back-house, for which sills were got out. The ladies were highly opposed to the manner of setting it up. G.P. went to mill, ret&d with grist & 13 boards from Pratt's - Sears said I should want the 13th to saw into strips for piecing the others. B.R. Sears & hand contin'd with us. Cheese of the 26th came up to 89 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs - 27 cows were turned into the woods - 29 gave 16 pailfuls milk at night. Sam'l H. Brown mentioned as he came over to borrow oxen which he had to assist in drawing load of sand from beyond Webster's or young David Week's, that there was coming dreadful hardtimes for money - some great houses had already failed in N. York. The distress in the money market was occasioned by great shipments from the E. Indies. No hired girl - could not be spared from where she was - Rec'd short letter from our Dover girl - Miss S. Palmer - was too much out of health to come. There was a house, or board roof, erected over the spruce poles

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 Rained most drivingly & powerfully from the W. two or three hours this morning - some few intervals of sunshine succeeded, but really it was more a match for November than for the end of May. A person to be comfortable at milking in the eve'g must wear a loose coat over his common wearing apparel - Late in the morning when we had ended wheying cows, pretty tedious doings. Weight of cheese made 28th was 91 lbs. Removed & piled under cover two considerable pile of stove wood - 2d day on which cows grazed in woods. Mr Gore came to bargain for the Hathaway cow - at first told him my price was \$18.00 - he wanted her at \$15. At last he requested my lowest terms, replied \$17 Told him for his note with Buckley Squares as security for that sum due in July he might have her, provided he did so within 10 days. Joiners very busy - Geo was sent to Sears' shop for tools & to Sanf'd & Brown's for nails. Mrs Andrews left town for Pittsfield, Msa.

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About these days Mr Andrews caused his wife & family with a few household effects to be removed to Pittsfield, Msa to spend the summer, he was there very profitably engaged in teaching music in the High School.

THURSDAY, MAY 31 Cold blasts kept blowing up from the N., there some few showers of mist. Joiners still engaged at shelves - The old sow had 2 rings made fast in her nose - the 4 new bo't cows had horns made an inch shorter by application of the fine saw - Garden planted with corn & potatoes where squashes, cucumbers &c had failed. The calf of the big Breese heifer was butchered, s'd cow proved to be a good bargain. Mother in these days was something ill. Ezekiel Gore Jr took the Hathaway cow off & left me a note signed by him & B. Squires jointly & severally - due 15th July 1832 - \$17.00 with interest, to return muzzle at D's mill. Had owned s'd cow a few days over 4 years

FRIDAY, JUNE 1 Cloudy, more like summer than for several days previous. Oaks, butternuts, asjes, walnuts and trees of that description remarkably backward - the upper region of Mt Anthony shewed a leanness of vegetation quite unusual at this date - Many apple trees yet retained blossoms. The unnatural coldness of the season had prevented the corn from getting up in many an anxious farmer's field -



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people began to think we were going to have a cold summer & therefore no corn or berry little would be raised - Our joiners about completed fitting up the dairy room - & it was in good style too - Benjamin made us a fine lattice door which was hanged opposite the outer door on the same casing - they also performed much on Miss Judd's - Potatoes were planted & corn ashed by father & G.P. Mrs M.A.Sears came down on a visit - dined with us - an elderly man who appeared rather simple, also sat at table - s'd he was going to Somers, C't., Tolland Co. Sometime past noon Miss L Harwood & Mrs D.D.Waters & child rode down & paid a short visit. B.R.S's & wf st'd over n't.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 Cold, gorwing, however, more temperate. Joiners got through their business, during the week ending this day - they had planned, pieces and made frames for and set up 12 shelves in dairy department besides fixing old shelves some - lattice door hung Miss Judd new silled - basement story made up - drawer made & slipped under - steps erected in front - 4 benches made for cheese room and other small work not necessary to mention - say, their labor with material & boards might am't to \$25.00. Mary Ann rode home pr C.F.Sears. Cheese May 31, weighed 82½ lbs - Starin cow came home or rather staid out with her calf.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3 Cold, cldy-very discouraging prospect for corn crop. Nontime to read - hunted cow & calf which were safe in pasture - assisted as usual in dairying. 85 lbs cheese for June 1st Ira B.Dewey departed this morning for Methodist Meeting and for Sweet's Hoosack, N.Y. Rec'd visits from O. & Syl Daniels, Henry & N.Duncan, John Robinson, H.Waters and W.Ault. Mrs Duncan had rec'd bad hurt from falling from buck-board of waggon which broke and let them all fall to the ground - getting better. Adeline had endured great pain from teeth ache. Father & G.P. & Hopkins attended service - A.M. in Alg's - P.M. at central church - the former visited capt. Safford - likewise Sam'l Fay Esq who finding us not Jackson men nor Pioneers, was much rejoiced.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 Cldy, mild, misty rain at night. A little piece of gr'd back of the barn was cleared & plowed. There was the foundation of wall built by Jonas Harwood in 1796, say 97, carted down the front lane & deposited ready to repair old post & rail wall E. side. Hopkins attended school but half a day. Father returned with cheese hoop - mate to the one rec'd May 19 - Cheese made June 2d weighed 87½ lbs. Starin cow's walf butchered, which made up 30 cows in the milking list. Preparation for selling cider & cakes was made by the boys on the morrow. Friend Wight left us this morn'g. S.Loomis, surveyor of highway, ordered us on the road on Thursday next. Mrs Harris made "Washing Day" here.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 Dark, rainy, muddy, very unpleas't - Bad weather for training - our retailing business not very prosperous - favorable as to provision - not so as to cider. Sold to James Hicks' Jr the last of our cheese for sale - 42 lbs at 8c - Rec'd \$3. down - remainder on the 9th inst. Oliver Hollister performed military duty for G.P.Harwood, for which he paid out of our purse fifty cents. Cheese made 3d inst weighed 93½ lbs. Hopkins sold cakes and had the money to himself. My dear spouse had what G.P. got for his - 86 cents.



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 Cold, chilly, very convenient to sit by good fire at night or even during the day - cloudy nearly all day - wind cold from N. Ground mentioned above planted with corn. Father & G.P. dug stone in the great pasture W. of Norton's. Cheese for June 4 weighed 90 lbs. Attended to the daily rounds & P.M. walked to P.O. - paid postage on letter from Susan Palmer, 6 cts, Got 5 no's Gazette from 8th May up to June 5th which had neglected to send for. Indian disturbances began to make a racket - Left hand books at sore for correction

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it came off warm & clear. Cheese for 5th weighed  $91\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. So busy my line did not join highway laborers until 2 P.M. They had then got up from House's to against Jewett's woods, some hands were employed on Fuller Road - the day was ended near the school house. The Surveyor hims'f was in command. Father, G.P. Har., & Reuben Kent & self were in service. In the comp'y there were Jewett Esq, Bates, W. Bates, Risley, J. Duncan, Ben & Calvin Fay, Gideon House, Willis Potter & c. Made an agreement with Maj L. Norton to pay half the expense of taking the N.Y. Spect. - he to have the first reading & I to preserve them. Said he should go to N.Y. ere long & should pay for it 8 dollars and have the paper from Jan 1832 to Jan'y 1834.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8 Rather summerish, soft southern breeze. The road was worked to the N. end - S. Loomis dined with us - closed our business on the Loomis & Carpenter road - a small party was employed on Granny Billing's road - B. Harwood's tax \$8.45 - H. Harwood's \$0.60 - total \$9.06 - T. Kent was in our service, Reub likewise - survey or pronounced our tax paid with the little we might perform on our new road and the further use of scraper next day on that end of the Dist't. Cheese of 6th June weighed 89 lbs - Had large hoop burst - saved the cheese by changing it into another same size - hoop very slightly made - nails so short they did not clench and they were cuts.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 Comparatively warm - Rained some on Friday evening, flashes of lightning were frequent. Weighed cheese made on the 7th, 96 lbs - but after being pressed again over night, weighed  $94\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. Potatoes were hoed, burdocks cut up, the last calf butchered we had the present season - bro't by the cow we called "Gourd Handle". Went up street - bo't 1 m riv't nails at Sanf'd & Br's on book, 58". Chandler nailed hoop - sent him in the morning pr Hopkins \$10 for Sam'l Rockwood which was endorsed on Rockwood's note. Rec'd paym't in full of J. Hicks Jun 36" for cheese. H. Waters deeply engaged in building kitchen. This evening was the rainy time mentioned above - lightning likewise.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 Growing war, cldy. Dairying would encroach on my peace - Had only about time to write out Jor'l - passed a few glances at papers. H. Waters & his friend Tuttle came together here late in the day. Rec'd paym't in full of N.L. Robinson on note of Dec 30 1831 for cow \$5.32 Ishmael Titus & little black boy st'd all night. Mr Hooker they said preached well - Friend Wight said there was going to be another 4 Days Meeting.



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Or E. Daniels forwarded pr his brother William the mare & colt which were taken some days since to D. Niles', White Creek, N.Y. T.C.P. helped milk cows.

MONDAY, JUNE 11 Very warm, fine for corn. Closely engaged in dairying That weighed on the 9th weighed 91 lbs. Went to Pow'l P.M. as far as Wid. Erastus Jewett's to find a girl who wanted employment - no success, or very poor success - could not spare her daughter - Recommended Foster girl - rode over to the Marsh place - requested to know if Mr F. lived there and whether she were Miss Foster, to which she replied in the affirmative. When we put the question whether she would work for us, she fairly appeared to resent it - saying she did not go out to work herself - she had a good home - besides was calculating to go to Pittsfield to reside with her sister during the summer - We understood her to mean that the situation was too low for a young lady of her standing - Seeing this we were off at once - no more did we trouble her. On coming home saw at Mr Bates' widow Dimmick who said she thought we might obtain a girl at Allen Brown's. Got home early enough to assist at milking. Folks' commenced first hoeing - Hopkins rode horse - Reub Kent rode P.M. Our friend Or W. Daniels paid his respects here this morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 Dry, cldy, warm, fine for corn - Started once more to hunt up a girl - Deliv'd to Turner Hills 5 calf skins such as he had before rec'd - paid me in full \$3.12. Visited Samuel Weeks' to whom explained respecting his large cask which he called a bbl - there was due me fifty cents. He said he did not know how much his cask held - had always had it filled for a bbl only - thought as the last cider he rec'd was not quite as good as the other I must be contented with 25 cents. I laid the case plainly before him, and then appealed to conscience for the rest - so he paid me the quarter & I departed. In & about W's there were several men of my acquaintance - Sam Thayer Jr - Sim Thayer Jr, Risley, Luther Park &c. Next called at the store of J. Norton & Co - Found friend John proving liquor to S. Loomis - asked him if he wanted to pay me any money that day - said he could not - had no money for me. Saw Mrs Rogers respecting girl - directed me to wid. Lyman's where Miss Sophia L. informed me that Allen Brown of Pow'l had a daughter whom she thought I could hire - so away I steered in that direction. Met Lorenzo Downs with whom bargained for 100 bbls coals at \$6.50 on delivery. Arrived at Brown's a little before noon - Questioned as usual - rec'd much the same replies - Julia might possibly have been induced to come had it

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not been for a remarkable propensity she possessed to being home-sick. She had an older daughter living at the old Dimmick place with her brother Kinsley - Miss Mary could not come - was some unwell - in about a fortnight would help us a few weeks if we could not get along without. Saw old Mr Jipson who said he travelled to the W. as far as Scipio - assisted in planting a field of corn on the 17th June perhaps in the year 1820 (1820), cold season, but the corn proved to be good - Came to Burrel Green's, inquired of Mrs G. about the character of a certain cow lately owned by her husband, now in the hands of J. Norton, which she said was excellent. A certain female engaged at the end of a fortnight to enter our service at 4/6 pr week - before the day came I heard so much



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respecting her character that by line I informed her that we should not want her - said she had lived at G's about 1 year. Orren W. Daniels rec 6 bbls potatoes to be paid in oats next Fall. Had his blind horse with him.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 Showefed smartly in the morning after which it was quite chilly & cloudy. Early part of the day assis ed in making cheese - Chhese made on the 10th weighed 94 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs - that of the 11th 88 lbs - P.M. rode with wife to Swift & Hinsdill's - or H's & S's - Lost distance by being obliged to turn back from Nichols bridge which was taken up by order of the Surveyor of Highway's that it might be repaired - came up to the old Sam Fay farm - then took the Henderson road - turned round the corner at the foot of the hill by Breckenridg's crossed Esq Henry's bridge - up the Paran Creek road to capt. Drakes - thence to the store - across the N.Factory Pond. Bo't goods amounting to \$4.81. Same some ludicrous pictures in their hat case - Store seem ed pretty well filled - Looked at broad cloth which Ed offered at #3.50 pr yd - asking price \$3.75 - Returned home on the New Road - Mother returned from a visit at H.Waters'. Hoeing corn, if I mistake not, was be gun on the 12th and continued this day. Reuben Kent served to ride horse & swiftly to hoe. Borrowed J.C.Andrews' little plow - point worn out - made poor work. Rec'd visit from Mr Wight. G.P.Harwood this morn ing procured a quantity of cabbage plants - bo't new hoe of B.F.Fay - warranteed price - 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The above mentioned bridge employed a good many hands in actual service.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 Very warm - Free forepart of the day from clouds, or I am mistaken. Cheese for 12th inst weighed 85 lbs Hoeing was contin'd - Reuf Kent rode horse - my personal employm't was that of

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of plowing among corn and dairying - Cheeses grew very soft - to many bandages were applied. Jona Hunt, Esq., M.C. from First Dist of Vt died lately at Washington - I think somewhere about the 15th May - very fine good man. Must also notice the death of my old friend Horace Dimmick, at Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 19th Oct. 1831 in his 44th year, being a few months older than myself. Left this country in March in a manner not strictly squaring with the principles of honesty & good faith, causing some of his friends who reposed confidence in him to suffer considerably. Darius Clark was bound for him in the sum of about \$100 & S. Robinson Sen'r \$14. more - these were Jail Bonds which no man ought to consider himself at liberty to break. However these things may be our fr'd was far from being the worst of men - was kind and obliging as a neighbor - happy in his family & very sociable and companionable at all times. I was first acquainted with him in 1816, and from that time up to the period of his quitting the country was more or less intimate with him. When young 2 or 3 years of his life were spent in the sea-faring business which enstamped upon his character a trait peculiar to that class of men. The vices of the bottle & profanity are so natural to them that to be a sailor is of course to be the drinker & swearer. In 1827 friend D. about entirely overcame his habit of swearing, & in religion he proceeded so far as to become a member of the Baptist Church in E. Bennington - but afterwards his understandings in life and his otherwise falling off, made the Church unwilling to fellowship with him, so he was dismissed. He liked much to boast of what he had done & what he



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could do - Was apt to make engagements which he never performed, but I always had so much charity for him as to think if he had possessed the means, he would not have failed as often as he did. He was the son of capt Abel Dimmick, late of Pownal ; the youngest of 5 sons by a former wife. The Capt departed this life on the 13th of July, 1829 - Mever left a son to fill his place as a man of business & property - of wealth it is true he possessed no more than is usual among common farmers - had a very pretty farm on Bennington line on the Ridge Road S. of the Cady neighborhood - containing perhaps 200 acres - but before his death had sold off some good slices on account of the ill management of his family - became a good deal embarrassed in his pecuniary affairs, towards the close of his life. The farm at last was divided between friend Horace and the eldest of his 2 half-brothers - and since they came into possession have been obliged to sell & clear out - Allen Brown & his son Kinsley being the present owners - under encumbrance of the Widow's Thirds - See Jour'l for July 13 1829. We see how quickly property changes hands - how vain it is for us to calculate for posterity - now not a drop of Dimmick blood flows on the old farm.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 15 Contin'd very warm, wldy, thund. & rained late P.M. Plowing among corn & hoeing was continued. Reub Kent still in service. More cheeses bandaged. Mother attended the funeral of William Hicks who died on the morning of the 14th of consumption in his 24th yer - a young man of worth & literary acquirements. Rec'd vis. from W.S. Southworth. The widow of Deac. J. French departed this life on the inst. Cheese taken out of the press made on the 13 weighed 87½ lbs. S.H. Brown rec'd some thin basswood stuff - spoke with him respecting the note of Dec'r 15th., 1831 now out, requested him to wait on me yet awhile, as I was not prepared to take it up - said he would not crowd me for the pay.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 Really hot - thind'd & light'd at a distance in the eve'g. Finished off first hoeing excepting potatoes. Cheese plagued us by spreading & leaking - Had business P.M. in Alg's - Saw John Harwood & Henry Sage respecting oil meal - which by the bye they said I could not have as Sage had no more to spare - so must rec' pay otherwise of Mr Harwood for his 7 bhl potatoes. Paid Bradf'd Withere'll \$1.65 in full for bottoming chairs - proposed hiring him in haying - he would not engage. Saw J. Rog's folks respt'g girl. Bo't of Aust. B. & Co., 10 yds coarse cott sheeting at 10½ cts pr yd, which was paid cash down. Mr B. Webb who had attended a convention for nominating Representative to Congress said news had reached town that Cholera prevailed in Whitehall. There were meetings of both parties up Street for nominating Memb. of Cong. A young man whose name was Andrew Barber, joiner by occupation, being with others bathing in the Safford mill pond was unfortunately drowned - aged 24 years - a promising youth.

SUNDAY, (JULY) JUNE 17 Commenced very warm - but N. wind & clds cooled the air considerably. Well pleased reading Mr Adams' Bank Report - Excellent thing - To be found in N.Y. Spect of May 22. Friend Chatfield visited us, as did S.W. Daniels. Concluded the doings of the day in the dairy room - Prospect rather dark. Adeline came home from Waters'.



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MONDAY, JUNE 18 Variable - sometimes hot sometimes cold - 3 or 4 o'clock P.M. in Pow'l there was an extraordinary thunder shower which lasted perhaps  $1\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 hours. This shower extended over a considerable space of the country - was not thought very remarkable excepting where there was hail which in a few places was severe indeed. At W'm Brown's near Brown's Mills the hail stones were as large as Robin's eggs - or walnuts. At David Brown's the children gathered a large bowl full of them during the last part of the shower.

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In that neighbor'd whole fields of rye were destroyed and meadows, grass & other things were seriously injured - We were subsequently informed that in Grafton, Petersburg & Brunswick the hailstones were of an enormous size & weight - causing the destruction of animals even as stout and hardy as the ox and horse - Rye, oats &c cut down & driven into the earth, some samples of which I witnessed on the 22d on the road to Troy. In the Factory near B's mills they took the precaution at the commencement of the shower they took the precaution to remove the sashes out of the window frames to preserve the glass at the N. end of the factory building. The course it took was from W. to E. or from N.W. to S.E. I never saw a more terrific spectacle of the kind before. What is stated here can convey but a faint idea of its fury or of the various ways in which property was injured and destroyed by it in its course. Being much intent on finding a girl, to hire at house work, drove to Algiers to be informed whether a Watson girl from the S.E. part of Shaftsbury could be had. They informed me she could not - so I faced to the right about - bro't Alson Squires up to the centre meeting house - Conversed with him respecting his late lamented mother who he said died in her 67th year, and contrary to what I had always been told, by those who ought to know, and among them I would mention my hon'd parents, he said she was his own mother. My father & Mother say that Alson and his sister Dorcas were children by Capt S's first wife who died previous to his removal to this town. A. said that his mother was 18 years older than himself. Soon after dinner made the best of my way to Pownal - at Mr Morgan's blacksmith shop, Reynolds McGown told me that he had a sister that I might probably get to do our work, but as it was uncertain whether she could be had I proceeded down to the river where I arrived just in season to get my horse & waggon under a good shed at W. Brown's and myself snugly seated in a comfortable dwelling previous to the shower - No females were at home excepting the daughter of Mr B. who had some trouble in taking care of her little brother - perhaps 4 or 5 y'rs old. The little fellow appeared to have a great desire to be out in the midst of the hail storm - My errand was to go to the house of David Brown to engage his daughter Mariah - But when I came to talk with her mother, found it impossible to induce her to suffer her to go with me - such were her calculations as to spinning & other business that she did not see how she could spare her, besides badness of health - of which she complained in her own person. Mr B. & his boys came in while I was there, were wet from having been caught in a part of the rain. A pretty good looking, well spoken young lady of about 20 - mainly dressed in red - seemed to be on a visit - wished much to learn her name, but had no chance for finding it out. Mrs B. said she had raised 8 children, was formerly from Williamstown, Ms. The wife



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o f W.Brown the wagon maker was gone to a Protracted Meeting, Mid.town bap.meeting house. Went into B's shop and saw a number of waggons on hand - of good workmanship. As I returned towards home it rained a good deal - saw young McGowan who said if I could have the employment of his sister he would inform me thereof by Thursday evening - otherwise he should not come at all. Had the pleasure of riding in company with Maj Willard Bates from the old Noble place up to the old House place, now occupied as a Tavern by Stephen Evans. We talked on farming raising stock, keeping dairy, sheep &c &c - how much might have been gained to some farmers by last fall having killing off their stock and selling hay. He mentioned having been at House's in the fall of 1798 soon after he began to keep public house at a quilting there - waiting upon my aunt Lucy Harwood home and staying a short time with her - picking off apples which grew on apple trees whose boughs reached so near the chamber window that they could pluck them without difficulty. Called at Evans' a few moments and agreed to come down and get Jane Lovett to assist us awhile. Reached home about dark. As I was going down the hill toward the Valley of the Hoosick met P. Ishsham Esq in his shirt sleeves on horse back. We will set fown the weight of a few cheeses as follows

June	15	88 lbs	
	17	82	
	18	84	
	14	85	
	16	85	424 lbs

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 Remarkably cold, wind N.W. flying clds. Wind very strong especially toward the close of the day. Busy most of the forepart of the day at the usual calling - Miss Ross presented herself for employment this morning - We did not see fit to hire. Rode, about noon, to Evans', and waited upon Miss Jane Lovett to this house - Miss L. being in her 15th year - Left line at E's for Mrs Pool at B.Green's. P.M. drove with Mrs Harw'd to Mr Daniels for the purpose of conferring with Oren on the business of going to Troy - he had not returned from the whence he had conveyed a load of ore. Mr D. & son Asa were hoeing corn first time - pretty small - not very easy hoeing. Saw the Raymond cow - looked fine - Oren soon appeared - Supper was ready and soon dispatched - and after agreeing with friend Or. to go with me to Troy on Friday - came away in good season. On the road as we were going out - saw S.H.Brown, hands & others under direction of L. Patchin Esq., Surveyor of Highway - working on the road bey'd Andrews.

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Likewise found David Jun & U.M. Robinson engaged in the same employment on the road leading to Hiram Scott's - this side the woods N. of s'd road. Procured Gazette at the office. Aunt Sarah Robinson & wido Susan Dewey paid mother a short visit - were much pleased with the view of our dairy. Father & Geo P. overhauled & repaired the S. side of the roof of the wood shed - mended barn yard gate.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 Clear & fair - but really cold in the morning and there was frost seen too - Sun remarkably dim at rising - Dairying & hoeing potatoes was carried on - Cheese made on Monday weighed 84 lbs. Mr Lemuel Sherwood & lady came down to see us - took dinner - saw the dairy - made a short tarry - which to us was very acceptable - Returned to attend the first day's days meeting of the



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Universalists at the Congregational Church. Warren P. sent over to get 50 lbs pork - with a verbal promise that he would pay the money on Saturday next - We refused to do it - not knowing the value of friend Pierce credit. On Tuesday engaged to Laurin Peck 4 bbls cid at \$1.50 deliv'd here - furnishing him with casks which he promised to leave, after being empty, at Doolittle's mill.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21 Sound good weather - Finished hoeing potatoes. Geo P. worked for O.W.Daniels at hoeing corn - Orrin bro't him home in his 2 h.wagg & tarried over night himself to be ready for Troy next morning. I rode to Algiers by way of Maj L.Norton's where called took all the Numbers of the Spect. N.Y. from Jan 1832 to this period that they could muster - Did some unimportant business at J.Norton & Co's store - Called at Sharpe's Bakery & got an empty cider bbl of ours - one yet left behind.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22d Pleasant & very fine. Started in tolerable season for Troy with Or W.Daniels in 2 h. wagg. Halted at Wadsworth's and baited - saw a very superior kind of stud in a stable at this Inn - named "Sir Walter". Were soon off - must not however omit mentioning that we saw uncle Jo who was sociable as usual & in good health. Noticed as we passed along the backwardness of corn and other grains, and how the hail cut down fields of rye, grass &c in the vicinity of G.Snyder's Inn. Many of the farmers were employed in hoeing corn first time. Arrived at Troy by 2 P.M. Endeavored to transact business expeditiously. At Kellogg & Co's bo't 32 lbs hoop iron - at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  c and about 4 ft bolt iron which at 6" amounted to 72" - Paid my bill \$2.12" to Henry Tator with whom with whom I have been acquainted 12 or 13 years. Executed most of my business at O. & A.Arnold's whose bill for salt, sugar, molasses, fish, brooms &c amounted to \$22.52" - Paid \$3.52 and gave note due in 90 days for remainder

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Among the small articles purchased in the lower part of the City were 1 copy Goodrich's Hist. U.S. for  $37\frac{1}{2}$  and a silver & a steel pen @ the former at 25", the latter at  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ". Pretty hot this P.M. - as soon as we could get ready departed from the City. Before closing my notice of transactions here let me say I saw & spoke with Elisha Waters Jun at the store of O.H.Hull - said his father's people were all well - Also visited the store of Van Buskirk where bo't 2 pairs of suspenders - p'd for the same 40". Henry Dexter the clerk shewed me a fine piece of blue boradcloth which at first he offered for \$2.75 - talked very firendly - told all how it was bo't at auction in N.Y. &c. - but at last seeing I was making off - not much inclined to buy - put it down to \$2.50 with a proviso that I might, if I should see any that I liked better - or if I shou,d think Hinsdill & Swift had a better quality as cheap as that, return s'd cloth. Left him under the impression that I should return with friend Or. whom I should consult on this occasion - When I returned to him, getting out of the City, was made our main business. As we halted at a watering place a gentleman drove up with a pretty good span of horses attached to a common waggon loaded with plaster, salt &c Soon became acquainted with him under the name of Harrison a respectable farmer of N.Adams, M's. Related to me all the particulars of his purchasing the Col. Jones Farm on which he now resided - sold his former place in Williamstown for about \$6000 & purchased the latter at



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\$7500 - made a ready payment \$5000. Had been very prosperous through life - had formerly driven a distillery - was recently a dairyman - concluded to give up the business in part & enter upon raising stock. Seemed to fancy himself already nearly worn out, though only 42 years of age. Appeared to be a person much intent upon the acquisition of wealth. In the evening we all put up at the Inn of Henry Snyder, 4 miles E. of Troy. On going to bed some unguarded expression escaped me which was noticed by him and there upon remarked that he used profane language profusely - sometimes especially to his hired hands. Let me be whatever I may - never did I set up for so much of the tyrant as that. Young Wickwire who very earnestly solicited Daniels to stay at Cushman's Inn came with others up to this house and spent the night. I was going to add to what was last stated respecting Mr Harrison that he appeared to be striving to be Religious - was married at 28 years of age - children 4 in number - 2 boys & 2 girls.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23d It continued very warm. We proceeded very deliberately toward home - Baited at Richmond's where our friend Harrison finally departed from us. By slow driving arrived here at 4 P.M. While I was gone Mr Downs forwarded his load of coals & rec'd \$6.50 paym't in full for 100 bbls - Spouts were erected for carrying off whey - Gate set up near Miss Judd's.

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My wife had kitchen floor painted, house in much confusion. Azulah Daniels came to visit Adeline. Ceringoes were in full bloom. Cheese of 21st inst weighed 93 lbs. On the road to Troy observed a great spirit of improvement in respect to door yard fences, many being newly built. Tho's Kent & his cous. Harvey Warren hoes corn for Orr Daniels, the former on my acc't, the latter on the acc't of G.P. Harwood, to whom I am accountable. Orr allowing me for said service, which was rendered on Friday, 22d.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 Very warm - S. wind blew up clouds late in the day. Perused papers when other concerns permitted. My hon'd parents, G.P.H. & Jane Lovett went to meeting. Rec'd company - Thus - N.L. Robinson, B.R. Sears & lady, I.B. Dewey, and Tho's C. Parsons who came in the forepart of the day. Also S.W. Daniels. N.L. had  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bbls buckwheat to sow. Cheese weighed on the 22d weighed 84 lbs.

MONDAY, JUNE 25 Contin'd hot. Father conveyed to grist mill 8 bbls Ind. corn - sent by him \$5 borrowed money to Sanf'd & Brown which I had borrowed on the 22d inst. Assisted Geo in removing the old hog-pen - built I believe in 1814 - removed in 1824 or 25 from the original ground on which it was founded to the spot from which we once more removed it by piecemeal to a location S.E. of the house a few feet N.E. the dairy house. The minister of honorable L. Norton - S. part of Bennington - was introduced to our 31 young & old misses of the pasture & milking yard. He was first bro't here on Saturday - but ran home the same day. Father gave over going to Stockbridge, M's on a visit among friends there. Cheese 23d w'd  $87\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 Warm fine growing season - Honey suckles in full bloom. A large quantity of earth and manure was gathered with scraper from the ground whereon stood the old hog pen and left in heap a short distance below. Commenced removal and setting up



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cow-stalls which were erected last season - See June 28 - Had stalls now erected on a line E. & West. Mrs Harris performed washing. Friend Wight came here. Warm eve'g, dry, signs of rain. The cheese made on the 24th weighed 81 lbs. Cheeses were many of them bandaged.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 Rained a good deal fore part of the day. Very warm During A.M. business out doors did not progress much Mr Ballou drove up with a load of rakes which while it rained was housed in the barn - Mr B. entertained us with many anecdotes concerning the sale of his rakes - Many years since he first set up the business - was now 72 or 73 years of age, was lame and had been a long period of his  $\frac{1}{2}$  life - a principal reason why he commenced rake maker - Intended going to Shaftsbury, White Creek &c with his load. I bo't 7 of his rakes, paid him in full \$2.10 being at 30 apiece. P.M. worked on cow stalls with Geo P.H. Father & friend Wight rode to Williamstown and returned next day at noon. Lent S.H. Brown 4 bhl rye to be paid at harvest.

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JUNE 27 Contin'd Miss Adeline & one of her Academic friends, Miss Harriet Hurd, came down to see & be seen. Cheese (of this date) 25th 82 lbs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 Vegetation appeared to flourish - fair - some cool Had not time to complete the cow pens when on arrival of father with Wight from Wmstown - orders were immediately given to go to hoeing. Arrangements were forthwith made for vigorously prosecuting s'd employment. Friend Wight went (Friday) to meeting. Cheese of 26th weighed 82 lbs. Jane Lovett went home and returned again. Mr W's business at Williamstown was to see President Griffin respecting his intended entrance into College - the fall ensuing.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 Dry & warm, w'd S. Kept close to the business except waiting upon Laurin Peck who accomp'd by his son (boy) man & team, came down from the hither part of Glatonbury, dined with us & rec'd 4 bbls cider at \$1.50 and 6 G's Vinegar at 1/0 for which he paid seven dollars clear silver in full - Lent casks to him which he promised to deposit for us at Doolittle's mill after being done with them. Tho's Kent having found his cow which had strayed to L. Barney's worked for us  $\frac{1}{2}$  day. Friend Wight assisted us all day. Adeline had an unlimited order on Austin B. & Co's store upon which she traded upwds of \$2. in dry goods mostly. In this line informed them I should not expect to pay earlier than first of Dec'r next. Mother & spouse went to Friday meeting. Twomthirds of our corn looked well considering the unfavorable ness of the season. Cheese of 27th 85 lbs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 Continued warm - some cldy, wind S. Proceeded forward with hoeing. Tho's Kent & Wight assisted all day. Orr W. Daniels having paid up \$1.25 borrowed money, again had the loan of \$7. to be returned at the expiration of 1 week. Going to teaming to Troy for F. Co pretty stoutly a few days. Cheese made June 28th weighed 82 lbs.

SUNDAY, JULY 1st Very warm - frequent breezes of wind however considerably mitigated its intensity. Four Days Meeting at our Church was bro't to a conclusion. Mr Wight entered as member of



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the Cong. C. in Bennington, Vt. Being extremely anxious to learn where it would be possible to obtain a hired girl, with lady & son visited Henry Parsons and his mother at Hoosick Falls - found all in usual health - no boarder on the carpet excepting the queer, shrewd man named Burtus or Burtis. Cousin Andrew was admitted formally into the Cong. Church at the Falls. New Factory building not yet completed. Chief subjects in the papers of this date were Cholera, Eng. Reform Bill, Tariff, ~~Bank~~ Bank & Nullification. Seth Parsons lady had young boy aged 3 weeks, named David Ball - for her brother.

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Marcia Ann, eldest of our friend Seth's family, had recently arrived from N. Orleans perfectly satisfied in regard to seeing the world. We could find no girl - came away late P.M. to escape exposure to a burning sun, and after all suffered a good deal from heat. Called at Ira Armstrong's and got a drink of water. Rec'd information of a girl in Woodford, Miss S. Wiltsey, that possibly we might obtain. Arrived late in eve'g.

MOMDAY, JULY 2d      Burningly warm again with many refreshing blasts of wind to take off the feather edge. Finished 2d hoeing. Ill during P.M. on account of drinking a composition of cider, water & vinegar sweetened with molasses. G.P. handled the cheese &c. Adeline came home at night.

TUESDAY, JULY 3d      Continued as warm as heretofore with flying clds. Conveyed 8 bbls ind. corn to Doolittle's mill & drove up to Horace Knapp's in Woodford to ascertain as to the girl - Learned that she could not be spared & besides at no distant day expected she would be sent for by her father, Mr Wiltsey, to return to Schoharie Co - said girl being 16 years of age and good size would have answered our purpose probably well could Mrs K. have dispensed with her services. Told me I must go to Petersburg and enquire of her sister Margaret where she thought very likely I should succeed according to my wishes - Gave an invitation to Mrs Knapp formerly Miss Nancy Wiltsey, to make us a visit, and departed. Engaged to Elisha Lyon a quantity of cheese at 7" pr lb. In proper order as the business of the day was transacted, ought to have noted paying to Stephen Pratt Jr \$6.25 for lumber. The whole am't as I bo't it, and agreed to pay as Edward exacted, would have been \$6.44. The latter was, however, not at home, and looking upon the price as too high for such quality of stuff I told him I felt unwilling to allow it unless when he & his son came to talk of it & should positively insist on it - He guessed they would never call upon me for any more. He & his wife in vain searched for the acc't, so it was concluded he had forgotten to charge it. See May 28 & 29. Come up from Woodford to the Court House where a Town Meeting being convened to choose a Representative for Congressional Dist. No to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death our worthy Mr Hunt, crowded around to the poll and gave a vote for capt H. Hall - Very much disliked Judge Skinner as a candidate for Congress - Sas many friends - Came home - Dismissed Miss Jne Lovett with pay in full for 2 weeks service \$1.17 Nearly dark or a short time previous to the setting of the sun walked over to Mr Sibley's to see if Miss Betsey Nelson, who had just ended her term at G. Jewett's would engage to us - Rec'd an answer that she could not. Doct Haynes & his sister Miss Patty came over to see old Mrs Sibley. Made safe return by 9 o'clock. Found E.D. Hubbell busy ~~at~~ at haying S. of the road - E. of Wickwire's.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 Hot & dry - great want of rain was now felt - Cows drying up - Rode away with a cago of 5 cheeses made during the month of April last - Sold to Saml Weeks  $32\frac{1}{2}$  lbs at 7" Also to Isaac Doolittle  $12\frac{1}{4}$  lbs old sage cheese at 8" - to Elisha Lyon at whose house arrived past 11 A.M. 125 lbs at 7" for which rec'd his note \$8.75 on demand which he told me he should take up shortly desiring me to leave the obligation with Frank Blackmer for his accommodation at the time of payment - Would have paid me in hand but some of his men had lately called on & drawn drained him of money. On my return rec'd paym't in full of S.Weeks \$2.27 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Father built or performed mainly at building grind-stone frame. G.P., H. & Mr Wight framed new forward cart ladder. Sam'l Chandler set 5 good iron hoops on the big Distillery tub bo't of P,Dewey - the iron was fair & nice - bo't at Kellogg's, Troy. Ira B.D. went to Willismstown to attend Camp-meeting.

THURSDAY, JULY 5 Remarkably hot - rain very greatly wanted. Potatoes hoed & cheeses turned A.M.  $\frac{3}{4}$  P.M. the big distillery tub was put on good foundation ready for catching rain water - stove set up &c &c. Father and my lady visited Hinsdill's where a bill of goods was taken up & the former procured at Mr Bracy's a certain pitchfork left there in Aug. last by R. Moon. Cous. N.L. Robinson came here this evening - tarried a short time only. J.A.Wight was in our employment this day. Papers abounded in Cholera Reports from various places.

FRIDAY, JULY 6 Continued dreadfully hot - clouds were few - corn leaves were caused to roll - Once more ventured out in quest of a girl - took the road to Petersburg - this side Brandts met 2 young men of whom made inquiry - they said they guessed I might obtain one at Mr Brimmer's. To learn how this thing might be, repeated the question to the lady who is at the head of business at J.Case's & was told that no girl could be had there - Saw a handsome dairy - the produce of 28 cows - were making & had been making, the month past, two cheeses in a day - weighing from the press about 35 a piece - being 70 lbs pr day. From C's drove to the Kitchen Corners - the heat was oppressive - consequently made a long halt at Eldred's - saw a pretty - what some would say - dirty house, but I suppose it is improper for slovens to find fault with people of their own cast - the inmates of this dwelling were wholly unconscious of any impropriety as to cleanliness - as indeed appears to be the case generally among the emigrants & their descendants from a certain State in N.England. If anyone objects to the validity of this remark let him satisfy himself by taking a tour of observation through Stephentown, Berlin, Petersburg, Adams, Cheshire, Pownal and Shaftsbury. While at E's saw Miss Betsey Blair - the same Turn over the next leaf.



FROM the PEN of J. A. WIGHT.

DEATH.

Where hidest thou all the victims of thy ravenous breath  
The pilgrims of an era - days and years gone bye  
Thou hideous monster, hated most of tyrants & Death  
Where now the busy multitudes of passing ages lie?  
Where, I ask it - but I ask (it) in vain.  
I ask it not again.

Where are the haughty and the brave, the wreck of times  
The glory of an age - alive in song, that vied  
With immortality, the monuments of other climes -  
Where are the "lost and lovely" who long since have died  
Those who once were - but long have passed away  
Where now they wander - say ?

Where are the palaces of old, those which overlooked the sea  
The lofty spire that nodded to the sun - the Hall  
Where oft was heard the roaring fest of revelry.  
The joyous song - the rounding laugh, amid the festival  
And where the youthful band, the sparkling eye  
That even forbid to die ?

O ask not once again - for dull and dark the dew  
Is glistening on their tombs, the hall lies deep and low  
Time raises up their ruins, and the grass anew  
Grows o'er their graves - where joy was once - darkness and woe  
Have wreathed their bitter train, and cruel too -  
Time bids them fast adieu.

Signed - J. A. Wight - March 25, 1831



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(Sixth Continued) The same young lady that in May 1828 informed me of Margaret Wiltsey as a proper person to hire - I again requested her to point out another person of the same description. She could not - said they were unusually scarce - nearly all the working girls were in the employment of manufacturing establishments - Did not know but that I might engage an Oudicark girl, but I gathered from what was said that she was not exactly the pink for me - therefore calculated not to take much pains to hunt her up - Grafton was strongly recommended as a fine place to find girls - directed me to inquire at a neighbors house on the Grafton road - So departed with some notion of going thither but the lady of whom I obtained information respecting the young Missis of Grafton said there was no chance to hire girls there - much sickness prevailing among the inhabitants kept them in full employment - Proceeded up the hill over a road none too free from stones - what in our section would pass for rough - at the end of a tedious mile and a half came to a large gate on the S. side of the road leading to the house of Mr Hull - son-in-law of Stephen Reynolds - the farm belonging to the latter gentleman. Passed through the gate aforesaid and gained the domicile - paid respects to Mrs Blair - formerly Miss M. Wiltsey who appeared surprised at seeing me - paid all due attention - gave me a good dinner and conversed all about the folks - told me as much as she knew respecting girls in her vicinity - Mrs Hull I found to be an accomplished dairy woman making cheese from the milk of 32 or 33 cows - saw her cheese which appeared to be in fine order - made up from the milk immediately after milking - the heaviest cheese she said would weigh about 70 lbs - Conversed with her a good deal on dairying - She seemed to think there was much depending on the strength of rennet in obtaining a due quantity of curd from any quantity of milk - She instructed me in what manner to prepare rennet for immediate use, which I reduced to writing and pocketed - but on rereading it at home my old lady felt that it was not best to attempt the practice - as it might in new hands be productive of more evil than good. Five o'clock P.M. got under motion for the Valley of Litt. Hoosick - having first returned compliments to Mrs B. for the civilities rec'd at her hands and heartily requested a visit from herself & husband. She appeared pale and spare - her little boy was perhaps six months old - doing well - During my stay my beast had fared well, guarded from the piercing rays of a burning sun by the exuberant foliage of a fine apple tree - and she partook freely of water of excellent quality running from a penstock into a large trough near the house. Before it is forgotten I would just say that the smell of Mrs H's dairy room resembled that of ripe fruit - Leisurely rode to the house of Joshua Randall - 1/2 mile N. of Petersburgh Village.

When I left Mr Hull's thought of going on to Berlin, but it being late in the day and the mare, after travelling thus far appearing quite overcome with heat or in some way most strenuously opposed to further progress in this direction, adopted the resolution of making myself welcome at the house of Mr R. upon the strength of his son having married the daughter of Thomas Phillips Jun'r, whose acquaintance I had enjoyed many years - and I do not feel at present disposed to explain upon what foundation that acquaintance rested - because time will not warrant me in so doing - Suffice it to say I shall ever value my acquaintance with



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that friendly good man as among the best I have hitherto made. The old gentleman, now in his 77th year, as soon as he was made acquainted with me, entered freely into conversation - among other subjects bringing up the late Pension Act - Wanted to know if I thought he could get a pension for services rendered in the Rev. War as an ensign while Vermont assumed jurisdiction over what was called "The Wings" - Gave it as my opinion he could not - but considered it well enough to put in for it - Young Mr R. and his man soon returned from the cornfield where they had been hoeing - when they went out to milking I accomp'd them - had a dairy of 17 cows among which were a number of heifers - The location of his cow yard was in my opinion illy chosen - it was crowning in the centre - bearing some resemblance to an inverted bowl and nearly one third of the area was a declivity nearly as steep as the roof of a house. Sat up late at night, waiting for the air to cool. These people this day had come over the mountain E. of Petersburg from a Methodist Camp Meeting held in Williamstown & almost melted their horses.

SATURDAY, JULY 7 No so all scorchingly hot as on the 6th, but hot enough. During the morning had some conversation with young Randall's brother who resided on and owed a pretty considerable piece of the old Elder Brown farm - After breakfast resolved to try my hand at searching for a female who would engage in our service a few weeks - several personages were named by Mr & Mrs R - the first was a large Matteson girl at Worthington's - commenced my course on horseback - halted at W's where everything, as appeared to be usual with them, was all in an uproar - carpenters were at work, new sillings the cellar story - Gen'l Aaron Worthington himself appeared to be seated at a breakfast table while in another apartment were seated around a table furnished with provisions & the usual accompaniments - a number of females among whom was the Gen'l's lady - Made inquiry if they could inform where I might find a girl &c - said they could not - so I gave up the great M. girl - proceeded down through the Village with the view of going to Stephen Randall's whose daughter Eliza was recommended to me - Happened accidentally to call at the house of a Mr Hakes a few rods out of the Village

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on the Williamstown road close under a high bank - They on being interrogated mentioned a daughter of Cephas Jones living on the summit of Williamstown mountain, as one whom I could engage - Viewed this as no prize - choosing not to go so far up hill on uncertainties, by direction turned back to where the road winds up one of their Petersburg hills towards old Mr Hakes'. At the house next beyond, occupied by a son of that gentleman, called to inquire the way to Mr Mane's - saw among other females here a very fresh looking corpulent one whom I imagined to be the woman of the house - received the proper direction and walked on, for though my beast was with me, yet did I prefer walking on foot. Keeping up this Hollow to the distance of from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 miles from the village - several rods beyond the last house on a bye road being obliged to pass through a pair of bars near the dwelling of a Mr Wilcox, bro't me to the house of Mr Main - Saw the man & his lady - was not very complimentary - Miss Eliza Randall presented herself & forthwith said she was engaged at this place until September after which she should attend to sewing &c. So ended this suit - They spoke of a youth belonging to the Wilcox family, their neighbors, 16 yrs of age, but I paid no attention thereto - kept about my business - Took the same road on my return



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Fancies I saw many deserted old houses on the N. part of this Valley. Noticed some flourishing fields of Ind. corn on this road. As I came through the Village a gentleman handed me a letter directed to APLYman Bennington, which he requested me to forward & I engaged so to do. It was nearly noon when I returned to friend R's - felt discouraged. At table there was a Mr Emerson in the employment of John R. who as well as my friend said they believed that if they were in my place they should find no difficulty in picking up a hired girl. Endeavored to persuade the latter, if it would not too much interfere with his business, to ride out with me on that errand, but he declined the undertaking. His lady however accepted the offer, and accomp'd me in the waggon to the house of Caleb Clark, half a mile S.E. of the Baptist meeting house - situated on a hill - in going to which had to pass as many as 3 pairs of bars - at the last place left the horse and waggon, proceeding the remainder of the way, which was but short, on foot. Here were two good looking young maids who apparently were such as I wanted. But no entreaties could prevail on the mother, who rose from her bed where she was partially confined by measles, to grant leave to either of them to go with me - of late she said she had refused a dozen different applicants in the same way. Finding it no use to talk and explain my republican notions respecting hired girls - we cleared the house,

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and forthwith returned to Mr R's - I may be erroneous as to there being two of those ladies - My sketch paper mentions but one - but being not a little careless about following it, and my memory not a little treacherous, must account for inaccuracy, if it be so. (The foregoing lines were entered here on the 20th of August). Had the mare fed - perused newspapers. At 4 P.M. after thanking Mrs R. for her kindness & civilities departed for home. There was a rough queer young fellow who worked by the month from friend R. whose name was Rensselaer Stewart - The young maid's name was Babcock - not of the first order. As I was passing the house of Mrs Rice - a lady of sunburnt complexion requested to be gallanted at her house at some little distance ahead - said she worked hard for a living - her business being usually that of whitewashing - price per day 25" - 4 rooms in a day, gr't or small - Was born in Stonington, Conn., 18 yrs since she reided in Petersb'h - her husband's name was Crum - Near their house the late hail storm which passed thro' Pownzl as mentioned on the 18th June, cut off the leaves from trees so completely as to cause them to appear nearly as naked as in Dec - such was the case of a portion of forest covering the summit and eastern declivity of the mountain west of this house - rye, grass &c in the neighborhood vastly injured - Saw many people attending to haying - Corn in general small - the best I saw was at the Kitchen, and there it was good In this Village was this day raised a Methodist meeting house - located pleasantly on the S. side of Troy road a few rods E. of the Corners. At J. Case's saw a very good looking kind of large gate which in my opinion is the best that ever fell under my observation. Met a high load of cotton & flour bound up the river - flour \$6. per bbl. Saw & spoke with Doct. Pros. M. Armstrong who had lately exhausted Petersb'g in hunting girls. Also met on his way to Berlin to visit his lady, Or W. Daniels. At the junction of the Pool & Four Corners Roads saw a young man named Brandt talking with a gentleman seated in a fine waggon, concerning a foot race which was performed by him and another young man by whom he was beaten, for the first time in his life. He said he told his friends he could not run - that he was lame &c &c - but nothing would do, but he must run & run he did. Presumed there was at least \$50



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bet on that race. This affair took place of the 4th. Mr B. came in company with me past the mills at the Pool. In the W. part of Bennington Anthony Breese rode with me from the Starin neighborhood to his house - Saw Dr Warren of Hoosick seated in his chaise with his lady - daughter of the late Otis Dimmick - consequently heiress to the Snyder estate. Next took in our friend Reub Wickwire who was returning home from a day work at Breese's - I got home about 8 in the evening. The boys had commenced haying - Geo had got home 30 bbls oil meal from the O. mill - I.B.Dewey having been to Camp-meeting called &

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assisted the boys at mowing - tarried over night with us. The death of Aaron Grover Jr of consumption occurred in the morning of the 6th inst agd about 30. The lady of Mr Crum told me she witnessed great hail storm at Stonington on the 22d June 1806.

SUNDAY, JULY 8 Cloudy,damp,foggy on the mountains - 9 in the morn' when it grew hot - cool again after sunset. Sent p pr I.B.Dewey the letter from Barber of Petersburg to (Anson or) Alanson P.Lyman - E.Benning'n. Read Cholera reports in the papers - Turned cheeses,found them very soft. Rec'd pr Sylvanus W.Daniels \$7 money lent to his brother Orren W. Friend Wight rode to Shaftsbury. Tho's Kent asked for a settlement of accounts which I put off.

MONDAY, JULY 9 Great signs of rain,which at length came in the slow old fashioned way. G.P. & Friend Wight mowed white daizes in the central part of the cow pasture up to noon - P.M. mowing was executed N. of the barn - Saturday's hay raked together,hog pen fitted up in part &c &c. I figured & fussed at dairying,partly broke one of the presses. Mr Pierce from New Haven, Conn. called to show me a specimen of a Map of the U.S. which he was getting subscribers for - would be accompanied by tables of distances,dates,population &c rendering it a very useful & entertaining design - to be issued,if amply encouraged, some time in the course of 1833 - price \$10 - to square about six feet. He exhibited a list of subscribers of whom a number were citizens of E.Bennington. I resisted a long solicitation from this gentle man to fet my name thereto - He went away defeated - I should pronouce him a finished gentleman - excellently calculated for such business. Nelson Duncan being out of health spent the day here. Adeline assisted by her mother prepared the house for the reception of Hoosick company. Capt H.Robinson & man procured timber in the gen'l's woods for repairing barn.

TUESDAY, JULY 10 Dull hay weather - air temperate - some thunder and not much rain - Growing season. Boys mowed clover in N. mead. when it did not rain too hard. Repairs on hog pen were completed and tenanted by fat sow. Hopkins was sent to mill and to the store of Aust. B. & Co. where he rec'd 8 lbs nails & 11 yds cott. cloth making bill of \$1.72. Mr & Mrs Duncan paid us a very fair visit - Nelson was also here - unwell. Bill Durrell called drank some sour cider I procured papers at Maj L.Norton's which were full of Cholera news of every kind.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 A real rainy day, so as to prevent much being done abroad. The great tub was filled with rain water. Dairy looked after, cheese press repaired. Old caldron taken up - barn floor properly supported to receive great l'ds of hay thereon. Papers perused and some writing executed.

THURSDAY, JULY 12 Cloudy & showery up to 2 P.M. - cldy to the end of the day & cold at night.

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As much time was improved in mowing as the weather would admit of. Thos Kent entered our service at \$15 pr month, was deputed to go with Hopkins to F.B. & Co's store to select a scythe for his use - charged to my acc't - was afterwards ground by Geo P. During the early part of the day O.W. Daniels and Jona Rogers were here - the latter informed us of a late trip which he had made with B.S.'s team to Charlston, M's while so very hot, as on the 4th & 6th of the present month. Much of the A.M. sp't journalizing - P.M. rode with wife to A.B. & Co store in E. Bennington where we strained our credit to am't of \$7.42 - the bill comprised a whole piece unbleached cott. sheeting at 10½ c's pr yd. Mr Hunt's young people came there in a fine hack - executed some small business in trade. Called on the good people of H. Waters - found the man working on the house drain. Viewed & much approved of his new kitchen. This visit was made on our way home. Employed some of the flying moments in examining Congressional concerns - Tariff &c. Had occasion to visit the house of Sam'l H. Brown toward evening - found his great tub full of rain water - and so also was ours. Mr B. if I mistake not had not arrived from Conn.

FRIDAY, JULY 13 Rains not yet over - lighter & less frequent than on the 12th - Pretty cool. Mowing was executed in the Litt. meadow. Most of the day spent in hoeing corn - were assisted by Messrs Wight & Kent - to the latter paid in advance toward wages \$1.67 in money which enabled him to pay E. Fay Jr for pig.

SATURDAY, JULY 14 Handsome & cool - flying clds - wd N. Hoeing ended in the morning - haying the remainder of the day. Waited upon mother to Aust. B. & Co store - bo't silk shawl, p'r woman's shoes & other articles amounting to \$4.27. Came up street - left mother at H. Waters' - visited Gazette office, first had sight of the Veto Message on the Bank - transmitted to the U.S. Senate on the 10th inst. published in the Globe of the 11th - Saw Col Merrill who remarked that it was well written - Called on the widow of Col J E Robinson who appeared much out of health - agreed to sell her 12 lbs new cheese at 7" pr lb - bargained to John Hicks 15 more at the same rate - reached home in season for milking - Perused papers in the evening. T. Kent was in our employment. At the store of A.B. & Co we saw Mrs Eliza Potter & some of her people on business there.

SUNDAY, JULY 15 Very fine - some cool. Father, mother, Adeline, G.P friend Wight went to church where it was said Mr Hooker preached well - many infant children were baptized. Reynolds Magowan conditionally engaged his sister Mary to work for us at 4/6 per week to begin on the 17th.



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MONDAY, JULY 16 The weather appeared unfavorable to business in the m'g, but it was a good h day. Two thirds of the hay in the Litt. mead, and all the clover was got up - the latter stacked on the gr'd. Sent pr Hopkins 1e lbs 10 oz cheese to Mrs J E Robinson - & to John Hicks 19-6/16 more on cr - Tho's Kent & his cousin Harry Warren assisted at haying - the latter for Mr Getty. M. Manchester engaged to do a job at whitewashing for us - viewed & liked the dairy. Hopkins went with mare & wagg. at night and procured lime for the purpose of white-washing.

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TUESDAY, JULY 17 Pretty warm, cldy, many signs of rain. Good weather for haying. Business was chiefly pursued in the S. mead. - Litt. mead. was cleared. All the hay saved up to this date was computed at 12 tons. Manchester executed whitewashing. I accompanied him to Algiers as he returned home - pd a part tow'd his days work in 10 lbs April or May cheese at 7" per lb - his day amounting to \$1.25 & adding lime, to \$1.38 Bo't of Aust B. Co scythe snath on cr., price 3/9 for the use of T. Kent - had it spotted by old Mr Chandler who also hung the scythe thereon. Called at H. Waters', with whose lady walked over to Mr P. Dewey's and viewed portraits of Mr D. & lady executed pretty fairly & justly by the nephew of the former - Mr Nichols, who also had a copy of a painting of the head of Charles Carrol of Carrolton which I was gratified to see - Marched up to Aaron Robinson's - milked 4 cows, the property of Giles Jewett - now in custody of H. Blackmer - Constable Thre of s'd cows would do to buy - M. L. Selden was there at work - like wise Jacob Brooks who butchered a calf - Got home aft. dark. Adeline & Hopkins made an unsuccessful trip to the widow Austin Dimmick's to bring home Miss M. Magowan who had gone to live with her brother.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 There were clds, thund. & lightning in the course of the day, but mainly fair. Mowing was pursued S. of th the brook - side hill adjoining the Fay farm very light - only gath'd 25 hund. from the W. part of the 5 acre bit, of grass good hay. Mrs Duncan came down with her grand-daughter, Louise Potter, whom she left to visit with Adeline, while she, accomp'd by mother, enjoyed a fine sit down at Mr Daniels, W. part of Bennington.

THURSDAY, JULY 19 Clouds and roaring thunders admonished us of the approach of rain, but actually rec'd but little. The E. side of the above described portion of the S. meadow was under the hammer - yielded better than the opposite half, but it was light & there was but little clover among the hay - one load was drawn in. This being the day appointed by the Constable for making public sale of the property in his care belonging to Giles Jewett - felt anxious to attend. Walked up - spent some moments at the Bennington Bookstore - saw Gov Tichenors copy of Rees' Cyclopoedia in the hands of the book binder - S Clark - Engaged bbl cider to D. Clark at \$1.50 to be pd on delivery. At the vendue, which was opened in front of the Old State Arms House, notice among the crowd, Gov Tichenor, gen'l Robinson, Mr butcher Peck &c. Procured the Gazette of the 17th containing the Veto - Col Merrill tho't it well written - capt D. Robinson Jr said it was a fine thing - Got home aft. dark - The boys had got in 2 lds hay - but it was rather too green. Store debt at E. B. & Co's amt'd to \$12.79 as pr red book.

FRIDAY, JULY 20 Weather cldy, unsettled, cool, rained in eve's some wd



Haying where it was thinner than usual, in the S. part of the S. mead. was continued. The cows gave much less milk than heretofore, cheeses of course lighter.

SATURDAY, JULY 21 Rained early, then held up, came on again at 7 & poured heavily with thunder until past 10 A.M. Pretty pleas't remainder of the day, only rained a little. Boys chiefly employed in mowing. After laying the thin grass in the S. part they put into a strip between the lane and brook in the S. meadow. This morning we were honor'd by a visit from John W. Vail & lady - they were very friendly and sociable - came out on purpose to view the dairy, which as matter of form they pronounced fine - Mrs V. complained of some ill luck in her dairy - they departed before noon, upon which we resumed and completed fixing the hard head drain. Turned cheese - rec'd visit from cousin Ed Robinson. Adeline paid her respects to young ladies in the Street. pd for & ret'd with Yk-O/6 with wafers. Ira B. Dewey came here in the evening. Messrs J. A. Wight & T. Kent were in our haying business - the former marched up Street in the evening.

SUNDAY, JULY 22 Fair, few clds, fine day. Father, Geo. & friend Wight went to meeting. Young Burtis came out from Hoosic with cousins Annis and Ellen M. Parsons, of whom the last took up her abode here awhile. I wrote Jor'l and perused papers - rec'd a set from Major L. Norton's.

MONDAY (TUESDAY) Most excellently fine hay weather - Gath'd  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons  
JULY (22d) 23d hay from S. end of the S. mead. as much more this side the upper branch brook. Mrs Margaret Myers paid a short visit to our ladies about noon. Mr P. Dewey and lady rodwn in the early part of the day enquiring for potatoes to purchase - we could spare none - S. W. Dan's borrowed hoe.

TUESDAY, JULY 24 S. wind & clds & some slight showers made up the weather. Contin'd haying in the S. mead. the yield was good in the center - gave some assistance there but most of the P.M. worked at cheese - Charles Hicks came to get potatoes - sold him none Cous Sam'l Robinson Jr with wife & child lately from Troy - came up to visit us. Mr Amoss Gleason from Shaftsbury made a short call - dined with us - Our friend John Harwood for some reason or other happened here - said he was about 60 years of age.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 Weather rather unfavorable to haying - great threat en'g of rain, but little fell here - thund'd at the S. & S.E. - came off pleas't at night - haying grossed mostly in the S. meadow - the stack was topp'd out. Obtained the N.Y. Spectator of July 17 which contained the Congressional proceedings pretty fully - in which Clay, Benton & Webster Hayne were conspicuous members - counted quantity of hay saved as high as 24 tons up to this date. Entertained Mr Pedlar Powers with his horse this night - belonged in Troy.

THURSDAY, JULY 26 Cool - bid fair for rain - thund'd heavily at the N rained very litt. here. Mowing was the main business. By mighty exertion l l'd of hay near the brook above the dipping place was got in - rained just enough to spoil hay for the present. Much time spent in dairy. Friend Parsons left here this morning. Powers



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paid 45 cts in goods for his entertainment. Sold 317 ft bass-wood b'ds to F.W.Coffin on cr. at \$1. pr hund.

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FRIDAY, JULY 27 So cldy in the morning as to prevent our witnessing an eclipse of the sun - Nice hay day & by our boys well improved - friend Wight worked hard & complained of great weariness in the evening. Daily weight of cheese was about 70 lbs.

SATURDAY, JULY 28 S. wind & clds made us believe we should have rain, but it proved to be very peather for haying. The rye feild was attacked with sickles - all hands could make fair work excepting T.Kent who failed materially in the attempt art of reaping - I was kept away by dairying & preparing & sending off to Darius Clark a bbl of cider in cart pr Hopkins -for which he agreed to pay \$1.50 on delivery - he sent me the pay into 1 Y'k shilling which he said he would me another day. Sebt Coffin's boards to him, excepting those he had him self transported, by Wight Hopkins. Mr Wight bro't home this eve'g from the store of L.Patchin & Co broad cloth for a coat.

SUNDAY, JULY 29 Hot and dry - thund'd - lightened & rained powerfully at night - all glad to see it - pastures having become barren and dry. Friend Wight and the girls were at church the day out - Father and mother the P.M. only. Should have journalized considerably had I not laid my book aside to find out the am't of cheese as weighed from the press made since 22d May last - being 5723 lbs.

MONDAY, JULY 30 Former part of the day wldy - latter pt fine for haying. Before noon visited with wife the store of deacon Hinsdill & E.H.Swift and took up the am't of cheese a/c in full \$1.16 - See Mar 6 1832 - Saw the deacon himself. Came home by the new road. Called at Austin, B. & Co's and bo't goods the am't of which may be found in the litt. red book - \$1.29. The boys mowed E. part S. mead. Hay was raked together below the dairy house.

TUESDAY, JULY 31 Fine day. Hay all got in from the S. mead. grown therein the pres't season excepting 1 load which also would have been drawn had we esvaped being stuck with a most superb load of nearly 2 tons - nearly the whole of which we had to throw off, & go twice for. This misfortune occurred near the center of the meadow some few rods N. of the upper brook. Cholera raging dreadfully in N. York. Wrote line to cous. Samuel R. Jr who was bow going to return to Troy to make enquiry respecting the price of lead pipe for carrying water and the expense laying it - and to reply by letter.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1 There were indications of falling weather in the morning but these gave way to those of an opposite kind - all fine. Wheat in Clark's orch'd which by the bye was a beautiful yield was rep'd principally by G.P. & Mr Wight & afterwards by father, self & T.Kent bound in sheaves and the two former set up in small stooks. During the time those young men were rep'g friend Kent mowed grass in the N. mead. adjoining - they, as usual, whet his scythe for him and closed their days work at the same employment - that is, mowing. Mrs Coffin, Lucy, or Betsey & Lucy Street were



late in the day - likewise my two sisters from H.Waters' where they said old Mrs Waters, now in her 76th year, had arrived on a visit. Must say the last load of hay for the season was got in from the south meadow. Of late the hay was not well cured when put up, put it was pretty faithfully salted.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2d Fine, but most cruelly hot. From 7 to 10 A.M. there was observed a most singular and curious kind of mackerel sky - beautiful beyond description. Quantity of hay got in computed at 4 tons. Cousin Andrew Parsons came out from H.Falls N.Y., on a visit.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3d Very hot & fine. Three tons more of hay taken in from the N. meadow. Andrew Parsons rode to view the furnaces - wrote dunning letter by him to Ezekiel Meere- Gore Jr - requesting payment of his note due 15th July - See 30th of May - Horatio C.Stone came up from Algiers for visit - said he should go to Branford soon to visit his mother.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 Heat continued pouring down most powerfully. Finished off haying. The ground upon which we last operated being the S.part of the N.meadow, of which 2 acres was estimated to have yielded 4 tons good hay, saved 3 or 4 Bund.in the S.corner of C's orchard. In the whole reckoned our hay at 49 tons of which 2 were placed in the horse barn. Orr W.Daniels & lady tarried all night here - making us a pleasant visit. Cheese weighed daily from 67½ to 70 lbs, the last number prevailed a number of days successively.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 Faint, very warm - Dry - great want of rain at this time. Friend Dan's and wife obliged us with their company until after supper and departed - S.W.D. was likewise of the party. Mr Wight and cous. Andrew were attendants at Church. Papers full of Cholera news from various parts of the world. Mostly myself engaged in reading papers & journalizing. Calvin Huntington paid visit to Mr Wight - they in the evening went up street to see the person of Dr Noah Webster who quartered at James Hicks'. On their return said they had a view of him through a window by candle light as he sat talking to a little girl. I should have been very much gratified to see him - the old spelling book and "Third Part" of which he was the compiler, were the books in which I learned to read - the memory of him will never die in the U.S. any more than that of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson, Adams and other Revolutionary Worthies. He was in Literature what they were in War & Politicks - Great & Good.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6 Many showers were off at a distance - to the E. & S.E. thunders were frequent, but our share of rain was very light. Wheat in the cider mill orchard was cut with sickles bound in sheaves & stooked in our customary style. G.P. & Mr Wight chief operators. It was not quite so fair grain as grew in the other orchard, nevertheless a handsome & bountiful crop. Dismissed Thomas Kent with the understanding that he would serve out



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his month, of which there yet remained 5 days, working at ditch. I had paid him in advance \$1.67 in money and this money gave him an obligation against John Norton, of honorable memory, amounting to \$13.35 exclusive of 25% interest - making in the whole \$15.27. During the time in which he was at work for us I was informed of his feeling dissatisfied with the amt of his wages - he however never in a direct way complained to me - If he had I should not have been willing to raise them - should have told him if he were uneasy on that account, he might leave & go where he could do better. I one day said to him that I would do honorably by him & in consideration of the whole ground was satisfied that I had done so, nor did he in the least complain at this time. We found no fault with him in any manner, we knew before as well as after hiring him that he could neither grind nor whet his scythe, except as beginners do, and he was no cradler nor reaper - and all through haying was dependent on the other hands for keeping his scythe in proper order - I furnished all tools and he was close by home in the bargain which saved him abundance of travel - Other reasons could easily be enumerated amply sufficient to prove that he was wrong to complain, & that he was doing well. Turned the cows back into the woods. Cheese on the 4th weighed 65 lbs only. Our boys at 2 lds drew in all the rye of which there were 425 sheaves - they afterwards turned the waters of the lower brook into the cornfield and caught a few fishes in the natural channel. Cous Andrew departed for Hoosick this morning - he had with him a perspective glass through which he amused himself taking distant views and suffered others to enjoy the same. On Saturday, if I mistake not, with his cousins & sister Ellen visited a high point of Mt Anthony to enjoy the Grand Prospect.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7 Faint, hot, cldy, Bazy - had thund. and short showers during P.M. - Cheese turned - Bridge west of barn yard fixed and other work performed on that lane - Friend Wight was not in our employment this day - settled with him for what he had done the past month - found due him \$18 - tow'd which had rec'd in goods \$1.19. He had rendered us 26 days faithful prompt service for which justly demanded only \$18.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 Held on very dull sour warm rainy weather, very unpropitious to farmers engaged in haying and in oat harvest. There was a great quantity of hay & of oats among the farmers now exposed to the present heavy rains, and perhaps rarely are we injured more than at this period - Great complaint all over the country of scarcity of money. Our cheese made Aug. 6 doing very ill - when first taken from the press it weighed 65 lbs - that made on the 7th came up to only 63. More road work was performed on the lane west of the house, in which I took part during A.M. Father visited the grist mill and John Harwood's on shoe errand - Rec'd per Ashel Harwood in full of L. Doolittle 98 cents for cheese delivered - 4th July. P.M. I was

commissioned to call on Mr John Harwood at D. Weeks' Jr's - Crossed the Fay, Smith & Pratt farms - on the East saw Jona Pratt getting up hay. Say and gave direction to friend Harwood respecting the making of a pair of shoes for father - leaving leather for the same - Informed him



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of not having received oil meal for potatoes as agreed on last Spring - Sage refusing to deliver the meal - he had known nothing of it before & tho't S. had not done quite right - he should make him pay the money - Came home thro' the Village - turned the corner opposite S. Weeks' - arrived in season for milking. Mr W't was a helper - had been disapp'd about working at Harmon's - hands off on acc't bad weat'r. My best half with her daughter & E M Parsons visited at Mr Daniels'.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 Cldy - dull hay weather, some rainy, there were flashes, as we say, of warm - but mainly temperate. Father & mother visited the Harwood's & others at the N.p't of the town - Road work on lane was finished after a fashion - bushes and a few oats were cut by G.P. - assisted at the latter by friend Wight & S.W. Daniels. I was at Mr Parkers' Academic Examination, but the classes were in such studies as were uninteresting or not at all understood by me - of course not entertaining at all. Dined at Hiram Waters' - Our sister Lydia was this day 41 years of age. Dr Bowen from the N. attended Examination. Rec'd Mr Parkers bill - made an ineffectual effort to borrow money to pay it - but had to beg off a few days, which was readily granted by Mr P.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 Cldy - rather cool - some rainy A.M. - P.M. thunder shower passed off to N.E. Father & Gep built stone fence down lane E. of the house. Looked well to dairy concern & P.M. called on our friend Maj L. Norton who informed me he had seen an agent of the N.Y. Spect. to whom paid \$8. for the paper (4) 2 years in advance commencing first of Jan 1832 - I requested him to wait on me for the 4 dollars until it should be convenient to pay - said he would - see Jun 7 - Rode with friend Morton as far as the old Eph Smith house - crossed over to Sam'l Rockwood's and got him to agree to wait until Oct 1 for \$10 due for oil meal - on my return took my way through Alg's - proclaimed having pork to sell at the store of A.B. & Co. Going up the lit hill near wid. Eldad Dewey's was taken into chaise by E'd the first born of my friend John Norton and landed at the meeting house - he was going to wait upon his sister & others from the Academy, this being winding up day of Mr Parker's honorable Academic administration. Dined with my children at H. Waters' - Left Adeline there - Hopkins late in the eve'g waited upon her home - Sylvanus W. Daniels and his friend Cyrus ~~Cone~~ Cone - Norman's gunsmith - happening to be here - assisted in catching the mare for Hopkins. In Spect of Aug 2 may be found articles relating to N.Y., Nat. Repub. Convention at Utica - July 25 - Joseph Bonaparte going to Europe - Cholera among the U.S. troops at Detroit & letter of Morse describing the Insurrection of Paris - 5th & 6th June.

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hay and oats of which there were vast quantities down. The lane wall was contin'd by father & Geo P. I attended to dairy - Cheese made on the 9th weighed 60 lbs - A few oats were raked, bound & drawn in. Friend Wight came home lame by wound from pitchfork. Goulden had finished making his new fine coat, for which he paid him and bro't it away in triumph Mr Moses Hurd an early settler of Bennington, one of the heroes of Bennington battle, died about this time, aged 86. He was an honest man.



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SUNDAY, AUG. 12 No material alteration in the weather - fresh breeze from S. with other appearances made us believe we were going to have rain, the want of which was most impatiently felt. Much of the day spent in writing - Got time, however, to examine the pages of Smellie - read St Paul's conversion, & many articles in the N.Y. Spec Father, G.P., Mr Wight and mother were hearers at Church - Mother, who had on Saturday walked to H. Waters' on foot, rode home this P.M. Ira B. Dewey mounted on his grey mare toward eve'g departed for Sweets' in Hoosick. H. Waters, wife, sister L. & the babe were here a few moments near the close of the day - as were B. Sears & lady. Exactly 17 years this day since the death of my Gr'd Father P. Harwood aged a few days over 80.

MONDAY, AUG. 13 Hot & dry with prospect of rain - Busy in dairy until noon - father employed in the garden & repairing old fence - G.P. same time carted for S.H. Brown 5 lds wheat off the hill W. of his barn including Ind. field. P.M. with assistance of fr'd Wight, who was loader, ours was taken in at 4 loads. W. went away to Martins' in the evening. Hopkins drove for Adeline & Ellen on visit to Hoosick. Aunt Sarah Robinson came up on a short visit - pretty sociable. Sold & rec'd cash in hand for 25 lbs salt pork at 10" pr lb pr John Harwood. Or Dan's called to borrow the cradle to cut his oats - could not lend because we wanted it ourselves. Daily weight of cheese in these days amounted to about 60 lbs. Rec'd Spect. of Maj L.(N) Norton.

TUESDAY, AUG. 14 Very powerful heat - there was a great shower of rain late in the day attended with heavy thunder. Father was this day called on by his old friend Col M. Norton to go and relate to Col Merrill what he knew respecting his services in the Revolutionary War, that he might be enabled under the late Pension Act to receive a pension. Col N., while father was getting ready, gave some particulars of the part he took in the attack on the mill at LaCole, L.C. 1814. Among the applicants for pensions were Mr Stephen Pratt Sen & Mr D. Weeks.

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I was concerned as usual in dairying until noon - GP in laying the oats with the cradle, which he finished. P.M. we mowed Canada thistles. Mr Witherell bo't 14 lbs 11 oz pork for which he paid in full \$1.47. Told some curious facts respecting the Crowfoots - went home late in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15 Continued as hot as heretofore - Smart breeze from the S. Great shower of rain in the evening - an unusual quantity in so short a time. Several bbls wheat were washed - cheese attended to &c. P.M. oats were bound in sheaves & sat up Dutch fashion. The ladies made cakes to sell at N. Bennington in the 16th

THURSDAY, AUG. 16 Very wet morning - cldy all day - rained much in the night. Cheese made on the 6th inst not doing well was worked over again, scalded, salted and put in the press. A May cheese was decided out, a part sold to the neighbors - 8 lbs sent with other stuff estimated to have cost \$2.00 pr G.P. & Hopkins and sold at the Celebration of Benn. Batt. No. Bennington - they returned with \$4.34 They were said to have had a very good celebration. A fence of boards in the cid. mill orch'd was erected for the sake of protecting potatoes from pigs which were afterwards suffered to run in the wheat stubble ground.



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FRIDAY, AUG. 17 Rained a part of the morning - otherwise, excepting haze and clouds, it was pretty comfortable weather, rather cool at night. Much hay had been exposed to the late rains & a good deal damaged. There was nothing of great importance carried on - Dairy of course attended to. Late in the day, father, self & Hopkins rode nearly to Pownal N. line and procured a small quantity of sand stone - Saw that Jewett's brook was swollen much over its natural size. Obtained N.Y. paper of Maj L. Norton who informed us that his brother John & Jed Dewey were candidates for Town Rep. Mr Wight counted 1171 living app. tree grafts in the orchards of Aust. Harmon Jun. Mother was at H. Waters' - Canada thistles and a patch of grass in the corn-field was mown - In the Spect. of the 9th & 12th inst. there was some Army news.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18 Sun obscured most of the day, heavy, damp S. wind. Made an effort, all hands engaged, to transfer 7 pigs from the S. to the N. orch'd but for want of management failed, father getting very angry, dogging them cruelly in the bargain - however he & mother rode off among the Harwoods at the N. - but this is a mistake - they visited cous. Judah's sick daughter - leaving some kind of provision for the family - came on their way home to wid. Webster's and there enjoyed a short pleas. visit, during their absence the business of removing and ringing those pigs was effected, shantee erected for them &c. Got in hay last cut and opened oats to dry, having rec'd a most thorough soaking in the last great shower. Rec'd a very friendly visit

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Sylvester Stewart and his lady, formerly Miss Almira Doty, 2d daughter of Ezra Doty, married to Mr S. late in 1810. They had been blessed with 6 children, the youngest an infant of 5 or 6 months, being with them. I did not spend the time with them that politeness or a friendly feeling would require - business being of such a kind as to almost absolutely forbid it, but our friend very readily excused me & lent a hand in setting out the oats. I did so much as to go into cow pasture with him in order to show him the farm & herd of cows, of the last he took particular notice, and I should esteem him an excellent judge of the kind of property from the remarks he made upon different individuals as they passed in review before him. Late in the day left for N. Bennington where they were going to spend the night with cous. Asa Doty. We promised a visit to these people. Ira B. Dewey came down with a letter from his father and mother, the most important article of which was that the former, being much broken down by infirmities, had given all business & care up to his son William. Forgot, in the proper place, to say that in Clark's orch'd there were 441 sheaves wheat and in the cid. mill orch'd 544 more - total 985 sheaves wint. wh't - See Aug 9 1831 and Aug 13 1832.

SUNDAY, AUG. 19 Great rain from morning until 1 or 2 P.M. and aft. that it contin'd showery to the end of the day. Streams as high as in Spring. Very unpleasant milking this morning. The unusual tempestuousness of the weather kept all hands from attending publick worship - Ira B. Dewey among the rest. I wrote a letter to his father - expressed sorrow for his loss of health - informed him of the good health of the family - of the season having been cold & back-



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ward as with them - prospect bad for corn - Ira would not return till the fall of 1833 - sent compliments to all relatives in Hopkinton, H. Palmer & lady in particular. S.W.Dan's came here, made short tarry, boiled & ate green corn. We all bravely turned out to milking at night

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 Cool, damp morning - fine day. Every day concerns were duly attended to - Cheese daily growing less - only weighing little more than 60 lbs - Nearly noon rode away with Mrs Harwood and son - called at Aust B. & Co's - Bo't suit for Hopkins at \$2.50 pr yd - \$5.00 - whole bill came to \$6.16 cts - Took new road - at Haynes' the old lady departed for Dr Sam's & with boy drove to N. Bennington - made short tarry at the Paran Cr. Factory - enquired of fr'd Asa Doty respecting the character of Mr Beach the man of lead - of whom he reported well - I called to see him in the lower story of Williams shop where his machinery was established for manufacturing lead pipe &c

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Made a sort of bargain to have him lay pipe,  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch calibre, for \$1.33 $\frac{1}{4}$  - give credit - receive pork, beef & any other provision in payment at cash prices. Returned to uncle Sam's - visited until 4 P.M. arrived here before sunset. On the new road they were repairing bridge near Hathaway's - this morning I.B. Dewey departed for Sweets' - & J.A. Wight for Martin's.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 Mild - signs of rain - wd S. - hazy. Father busy on wall. Geo, P.M. served N. Norton for S.W. Dan's raking & binding oats. Ours were drawn in at 2 lds, 348 sheaves, in very bad order. Cheese made Aug. 6th taken out of press for good - weighing but 52 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. Mrs Kent came over on vis. Thomas was engaged in getting his supply of hay at S.H. Brown's. Hopkins with Reub K. drove Norman's oxen and our cart to the oat fields of friend N. late in the day.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22 Expected rain - there came a slight shower P.M. - cldy, damp S. wind. During the first half of day assisted father at wall which he joined to the other near the turn S.E. side of lane below the house. Hopkins drove oxen and would sometimes get violently displeased therewith. P.M. raked and ound oats for N. Norton until (5) (P.M.) o'clock when a little shower made it necessary for us to quit - Geo P. had worked there the whole day besides - reckon ed due us 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  days. T. Kent was a fellow laborer in the same field - invited him to come and assist in digging ditch but he gave denial - had to go immediately to collect'g materials for building pig pen - heard of his complaining of low wages - said A. Robinson & others told him he was a fool for working at \$15 pr month - thought he ought to have & receive \$17 pr month - greatly displeased with me on that acc't. Before I made the bargain with him, told him to make inquiry respecting wages - did not wish to take any undue advantage - after 8 or 10 days had passed off, came and closed the contract - and who is to blame? He performed well enough so far as he was accomplished and for reasons mentioned (July) Aug. 6th felt fully satisfied that the young man was not wronged kn the least. Cous N.L. Rob. came up early in the eve'g and gave notice that next day he should visit Troy with 2 h.wagg. and perhaps transport a molasses hhd for me from O. & A. Arnold's. Girls & Hopkins were at an eve'g party at H.W's. Nathan'l Waters arrived in town from Stockbridge, Mss., with wife & mother. Uncle & aunt Taylor were in comf'table health & circumstances, if they were poor. It was washing day here with Mrs Harris. S.W.D's drew in sev'l l'ds of N's oats.

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THURSDAY, AUG. 23 Warm - fine excepting some few clds. Commenced digging upper section of ditch. Hopkins got pickaxe made out of an old (w) narrow one by Mart S. Norton. Mr Academy Teacher Parker came down with fr'd Southworth & rec'd pay as I then thought in full \$8.75 - thibk Mr P. a fine man

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Isaac Cole & lady - daughter of P. Harwood Esq, came down for a short visit in the aft. p't of the day - very sociable - would sell his off horse a pretty good one - for \$80 - five years old - we offered to buy it if we could sell our mare & colt. Broached the tenth cheese cut the pres't season. Girls in the eve'g assisted in driving cows to pasture I performed the office of cow boy. G.P. Harwood rec'd on my acc't at Aus. B. & Co's this evening in goods, \$2.17

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 Hot A.M. - S. wind bro't up rain & thund., cleared up comparatively cold. Continued digging ditch which was sunk  $2\frac{1}{2}$  feet below the surface. Rain drove us from our business, which however was resumed aft the rain ceased/ Mr Wight came home from Martin's - related Many particulars of Mr M's nanner of carrying on business. Hopkins visited grist mill and got suit cut by Davis. S.W. Daniels returned cart.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25 Fine as was ever seen - but too cold, high N.W. w'd. Ditch continued. Rec'd assistance from J.A. Wight thereat. Inconvenience was suffered on account of the want of another spade - application was made to the neighbors but unsuccessfully - Geo & Hopkins procured a good one at Doct. H. Swift's in the eve'g. Cheese of the 22d weighed but 57 lbs. N.L. Robinson arrived with the molasses hhd under an impression that in the purchase I had been "Wooled" - not only so but in all my commercial transactions with that house have been constantly gulled. Sat up late writing. During the present week Dan'l E. Spencet, Att'y at Law, died at the house formerly occupied by Judge Jon. Robinson - formerly lived in Pownal - a few years since was married to Miss Polly, daughter of Col Tho's Brownell of that place. Lent to N. L. Robinson one of the new buffaloe robes bo't last Dec.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 Cold morning, but no frost here - very fine day - Father, mother, GP. friend Wight, Adeline, Ellen & Hopkins went to church - the first only half the the day - being too deaf to hear Mr H. from the pulpit. Or W. Daniels paid us a visit on "Old Jack" - promised us the assistance of his man Charles Coleman on Tuesday next. Wrote Jour'l. S.W. Daniels came also here - made short tarry.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27 Really fine - rays of the sun were noticed in the morning as dull. Stretched ditch in, addition to what was already executed, 15 rods. Hopkins was sent with a line to Mr Beach giving notice that we should probably be ready for him with his pipe on Wed. next - Desired him to hasten the business on a/c of the ditch being exposed in the whole length to intrusions of cattle & other wise liable to receive injury, besides wanted to improve the pres't fine weather. Mrs K. paid our ladies 2 visits this day - there were circumstances respecting the first that convulsed our boys with laughter - 2d time came over accomp'd by the wid. of late Willard Green - viewed the dairy. Pedlar put up with us late in eve'g. 25th cheese weighed 65 lbs.



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TUESDAY, AUG. 28 Fine, pretty warm, Rained slightly in the aft. part of the day. Continued, & nearly completed ditch - assisted by J.A.W.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day & by Charles Coleman per O.W. Dan's 1 day - Dined on pot pie. P.M. Wight visited the Street - returned with the Gazette which was full of electioneering. Our Troy pedlar after selling us  $87\frac{1}{2}$  worth goods for which rec'd his entertainment & cash to balance - went away - had a very good watch dog, whose name was N. Bonaparte.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29 One of the finest of days - Domestic concerns falling to my lot being disposed of, rode to Williams-town with friend Wight - past noon when we reached the Colleges - Left W. at the hotel, called on & dined at the house of deacon Levi Smedley - all well, done haying - Levi Jr and wife on a visit over the mountain - momentarily expected home - Left mare at the deacon's and came up street with the deacon & was weighed at the new hay scales, 140 - Deac 150 lbs. Came to Bridges - saw Dr James Smedley & a younger brother of Mr B. to whom was introduced. The deac. and nearly all the family went to a church conference, leaving cous. Margaret Harwood almost alone, with whom had a very good visit. Said she had got almost tired of dairying - had got along very well with Mr B's dairy, except being unwell for awhile - saw the cheese & tho't very favorably of it - requested her to inform all the buyers in the place respecting the good character of our dairy - she engaged so to do. In the midst of our visiting Mr Wight brought horse & waggon & we left about 5 P.M. Mr W. having arranged business for engering college. Got home (by) after dark. Cous G. had ploughed stubb. gr'd. Father did what he liked.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 Hot & dry - attended to dairy & unhoused cider mill Father rode to N. Bennington and returned with favorable report respecting Mr Beach and the pipe. Geo. finished plowing oat gr'd for sowing rye - aft. which all hands gathered apples. This eve'g made out sales of cheese made in 1831 - whole quantity made amounted to 10913 lbs - of which sold 10433 lbs amounting to the sum of \$636.56" Mr Wight entertained himself in his own way - attended Baptist 4 days meeting.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 Very warm till past noon - short thund. gust 2 P.M. cooler afterward. Friend Wight lent a hand in raising in part the cider mill & in cutting timber for & working out watering trough, Evening he visited the Street. Geo P. completed plowing Clark's orch'd. Mother attended Friday meeting - Hopkins was sent to mill - a few more apples were gathered in C's orch'd. Geo sawed an old molasses hhd, bo't 2 or 3 yrs ago of Arnold's, asunder. Wrote line to Laurin Peck of Glastonbury Hill, to return cider casks lent on the 29th June. Mrs Anne Waters came here this evening in very good spirits. The late bargain with O. & A. Arnold was this day proved - turned out well & fair, but not great. Cost of hhd \$2.50. Cider mill sweep was raised and other preparation made for making cider.

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1832. Sat'y Sept 1 Fine & cool - wind blew fresh from N. Apples at twice gathering were ground, pressed & tow'd 40 gallons cider obtained. Watering-trough of basswood nearly completed, some thistles laid low by B. Harwood & ploughing executed by Geo P. Mr Wight gave assistance most of the day fixing trough and making cider P.M. - Geo having laid up the first part in the morning. Hopkins rec'd an all day visit from his little friend Frank Blackmer. The dairy was daily



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growing less - Cheese of Aug 30th weighed but 57 lbs. Ira B. Dewey came here with his brown colt for which had exchanged his gray & an obligation for \$15 with Aust Harmon Jun'r.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2 Cool and fine as was ever seen. Wrote for H. Waters and self. Most of the family went to meeting 'cous. Ira B. in the bargain. Some new members were added to the Con. Church in Bennington. Cheese made on the 31 Aug weighed but 53 lbs.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3 Fine enough and very warm - More digging was performed on ditch. Sheaves of oats bound and these comprehended nearly the whole of the last 2 lds got in - Water's trough smoothed out by means of the grub hoe which had been ground like an adze - Geo finished ploughing C's orch'd besides assisting at the above business - Mr Wight was active in our employment this day - The oats were rebound again in large sheaves & placed away - Uncle S. Robinson & aunt Sarah came to see us - the former helped us to get hhd in belonging to the late molasses cask - Green corn stalks were first given to the cows the present season. Uncle S. with Hopkins visited Algiers in his wagg.

TUESDAY, SEPT 4 Rained all the morning up to 11 o'clock. Tolerably fair P.M. Attended State Election at the Court House which was pretty fully stuffed with freemen. After 2d balloting John S. Robinson was chosen Representative to Assembly - John Norton was the opposing candidate - as he was not Jackson, rec'd my vote, but on other accounts esteemed the successful candidate as most proper person - particularly in regard to Legislation. See papers of this period for information. Conversated very freely with Mr Tho's Colvin on stock &c. Friend Wight travelled on foot in the rain to Williamstown Colleges Geo P. sold cider & a few apples enough to am't to \$2.15 to the crowd - I procured a small quantity of bats at Sanf'd & Brown on acct - rec'd hand books of Setmour Merrill - accounts all entered.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5 Chilly, black & cldy - were afraid of frost - there came up a most violent little tornado before day light in the morning - lasted only a short time - laid prostrate an apple tree in the garden called "Rusty-coat" & broke down a young pear tree S. of the shed. The dairy was overhauled

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Cows fed with rouen and thistles wut by G.P. Father cut up weeds - afterwards rode with me to N. Ben'gton to see Mr Beach, having understood he was without pipe - but when we got there our fears were altogether allayed - the man had been amply supplied and was industriously engaged in soldering &c preparing to lay the same, promising if the weather sh'd favor, to come down with it on Saturday next - During this excursion we saw got acquainted with a man named Waite, formerly from Wilmington, Vt., who in the course of conversation informed us of being well acquainted in his youthful days with Capt Ellis Doty & family late of that place - now residing in one of the remotest Western Counties in the S. of N.Y. News had recently arrived announcing the death of Mrs D., a very fine woman indeed. He first saw it in a newspaper mailed to him by an old friend & had since understood it to be confirmed in a letter to Mrs Ray one of her daughters of the name of Polly living in this town. We came home by Vails where we called and viewed John W's dairy in which we saw no fault other than that it was not quite large enough, all fair and in good order - J.W. and wife gone from home. We made



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safe return by about dark. J.A.Wight arrived a Freshman member of Williams College - had transacted business to his liking, to enter as student on the 12th of Oct. ensuing.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6 Pleas't but cold - people apprehended frost. Wrote letters to W.E.Brayton, N.Adams, Mss., & Arnolds, Troy N.Y. respecting our dairy - requesting speedy answers - to know what to ask for it - Described the manner of making and the appearance of it as accurately as my limited abilities would enable me to. Business called me and Mrs Harwood to E.Bennington - left her to make a call at J.Rog's while I was gone to J.Harwood's where word was left with Mrs H. to have her husb'd come and make up a lot of shoes for the family at short notice. At the grist mill found all the cider casks, excepting one, which the young man who bro't them said was not yet empty. The bbls were written upon and safely deposited in the lower story of the new building joined to the N. end of the mill. The man above mentioned spoke in behalf of Mr Peck for another supply of cider - Afterwards Mr Sharp saw me and wanted to engage 40 bbls of me & to get my price - could set no price - but to these promised that they should be first served as they spoke first. Mr Doolittle saw & solicited me to bring over two good cheeses to Mr Leavenworth and him. Came down street & even past J.R's before I tho't correctly - wheeled round - returned there, saw Chatfield a mom't, took in wife, came down to Aus B. & Co's & traded to am't of upw'd of 18 dolls - including blue cloth at \$3.75 for suit - Wight had taken up on my acc't small bill of \$1.71 which added to this carried it up to \$20.57 - said they would wait without int. until I should get pay for dairy - Girls eve'g employ'd on Wight's quilt. I moved churn abd read newspaper.

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1832. Friday, Sept 7 Chilly m'g, S. wind pushed up clds which let off rain P.M. but in small quantity - mild & pleas't afterwards. Had an anxious desire to be away early to E.Village & furnace - but feeding cows with cornstalks, giving assistance in binding up the pith of the Jacob Pool cow's horn which by some harsh means she lost during the last 12 hours - attending to dairy concerns, so hindered that I was not under motion till past noon. Selected 4 fine cheeses & put them on board - mother rode to H.Waters' - I proceeded to Doolittle's mill and there halted awhile on acct of rain - weighed two of those cheeses over again - varied but little from my w't - Saw J.S.Robinson who enquired for corn to purchase - the miller could not supply him - price was said to be 80" pr bhl - one farmer was named who exacted a dollar - had much pleas't conversation with friend J.S., mostly relating to the settlement of claims on his grandfather's & uncle's Moses' estates which he said resulted in a tolerable measure of justice to him. Doolittle came there with some friend shewing him the mill &c - saw the cheeses, said he'd have the lightest, so as I went past his house up to the furnace, left it. At the Furnace store deliv'd a fine May cheese weighing 59, 6 oz for Mr Leavenworth for which rec'd pay in full \$4.15. Saw Doolittle again & on mentioning to him that another cheese which I had with me was of better quality than that he had selected, requested that I would exchange one for the other when on my return, which I did & rec'd pay in full of Asahel Harwood at the mill for 44 lbs. Got home after dark bringing Mother with me from H.Waters'. Math's Cobb of school master memory was here on the morning of the 4th inst and had his breakfast gratis. Would mention oat grown being sown with rye which was harrowed in by G.P.



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SATURDAY, SEPT. 8 Fair & remarkably fine with scarce a cloud. Ground last sown with rye was rolled. Was variously employed in the morning, but at length walked up street. Saw pass Mr Beach with 2 great coils of lead pipe designed for our use. Went to the house of Jay Ballard, made enquiry for the man & was directed to Capt Hicks' where found him along with a man of color mowing very luxuriant 2d growth clover - Bo't his stone sink which had previously examined, for \$8 - payable after first of Jan'y 1833 - seemed quite accommodating as to time of payment - Bargained away a few lbs cheese at 7", bo't on cr 1 lb tea Of F.B. & Co came home and united with the rest in assisting at laying pipe which was completed and tried, but leaked & could not be fitted for use until another day. He transported the lead in a 2 h. wagg. Mr Wight was very active in our employment - so also was G.P. & Hopkins.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9 Scowling cold, forbidding - and some rainy - particularly on the E. mountain. Turned out in usual numbers to church, but at noon girls

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and Hopkins came home with Henry Parsons, M. Chapin, Sim Burtus & A.H. Parsons - the latter gent & lady rode in a singular kind of buggy made in dashy style. They stayed no longer than about sun set & departed with all speed. This morning as we conveyed a quantity of green corn-stalks to the cows, sent Hopkins to Maj L. Norton's and rec'd a supply of N.Y. papers from which it appeared that the Clay party had been successful in Kentucky throughout excepting the Governor, by 2500 majority. I was busily employed in writing - some of which was performed for H. Waters, who with his friend Benj R. Sears were here late in the day - assisted at milking - In the evening, accompanied by Hopkins, visited the street with oxen & cart - called a mom't at H. Waters' - saw & spoke with Mrs Waters, his mother. Dr Heman Swift was there prescribing for Diadama and child - Entered the orchard of A. Robinson Esq by assistance from H. Waters & Sam C. Fay - loaded and bro't home the stone sink bo't of Jay Ballard.

MONDAY, SEPT 10 Frost this m'g - very fine handsome day. Digging a sort of reservoir at the fountain and pounding the watering trough, as it now stands, constituted the leading employment of the day. Mr Beach kept us on the look out until about 1 P.M. when he arrived - after which he well improved the time in stopping leaks and doing all that belonged to him to do on pipe - into which at the close of the day the water was introduced and passed without impediment. The whole distance occupied in length from the fount to the house, including turn in the kitchen and back to the milking yard pr same ditch, by pipe, was accurately taken with a Surveyor's chain and found to be 66 rods & 13 links. Mr Wight was particularly active in our employment - Geo P. procured a load of tan bark from the works of T. Hills & Co., E. Village. Hopkins was sent early in the day with 8 bhls corn to mill. Hiram Waters worked at fitting up frame for sink to rest on. I sold out in the street a large 2 curded cheese, made 30th of April, weighing about 70 lbs - for 24 for which rec'd pr J.S. Robinson \$1.68 - 23 lbs 6 oz - to D. Clark for which had credit tow'd present years Gazette - \$1.64 - 18 lbs 10 oz to Dr N. Swift tow'd hired money, \$1.30 - Made 2 calls on the family of H. Waters - saw the old lady - the sick getting better - Mr Beach staid all night - s'd the reason why he came so late in the day - spent some time hearing a law suit between the proprietors of the old Cott. Factory & Mr Welling concerning a water privilege which had a bearing on his interest as he paid W. for use s'd privilege.



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 Chilly S. wind - thick clds - rain was bro't in the evening. Mr B. after making trial without, set up a wine cask as reservoir for the kitchen into which was introduced a faucet for the convenience of drawing water, previous to doing so he had endeavored to get water without giving vent to the pipe - even had fixed

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an air pipe at the extremity of the bow of the main pipe in the kitchen where it was turned down into the ditch to pass off to the watering place, but this was dismissed as a poor establishment and the cask put in its stead, ladies opposition notwithstanding. At the last proof of the closeness of the pipe which was completely filled the whole length, the water gushed from between the staves of the apparent solid cask as though it been a riddle, hoisted it from its foundation - deluging the kitchen with water. As soon as the pipe was unstopped - all was calm & regular - He discovered & stopped 2 leaks - compleated all he had to do & made up his Bill as entered on Day Book - amounting to \$90.77 for which gave note with interest due in 90 days from date. Mr Hollister cut off sink spout, price 25". Hiram Waters wound up his job setting up sink & boxing pipe a little past noon. Some parts of ditch were covered at which friend assisted - he also went up with H. Waters & returned with paints for painting sink frame, cask &c. Southworth & Brown merchants came to examine & buy our dairy - dined here on a kind of picked up meal & after many words and a great deal of worming agreed to receive it at the cheese house, ready for transportation, weighed & marked at \$6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pr hundred payable on the first of Jan 1832. No cheese to be deliv'd made after the first of Oct. - to give suitable notice when to be casked by sending line to Hicks' - said I must get casks made forthwith. Presumed they would order it off soon.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 Cold, cloudy, very unpleas't - rained slightly.

Dairy affairs furnished me with the main employm't of the day - there were counted 117 cheeses up to the 31st of August supposed to be fit for market - measured these in order to ascertain the various sizes of casks to be made. G.P. was sent with about 700 ft basswood thin boards to Fuller's with an order for making 27 casks, which he engaged should be ready by Tuesday noon - Sept 18. Number of cheeses on shelves this day was 130. Mr Hollister repaired old oven ~~by~~ bottom for 75 cents - making up his bill, including sink affair, to \$1 - paid in cheese at 7" excepting a fraction of money. Mr Wight complained much of ill health - in spite of which he went to work and so improved the joinery executed by H. Waters beneath the water cask, that that all had to acknowledge the great "fitness" and "Propriety" of the design. Father was very industriously occupied in various ways, but principally in filling ditch. Geo P. bro't from the P.O. N.Y. Standard of Sept 4 - mailed by W.H. McKee at Salem, N.Y. - full of Jacksonism. Hiram Waters and his man Willard Green were here this eve'g. Mr Nathaniel Dexter, one of our neighbors, after enduring a long painful lingering illness, departed this life at ten o'clock in the evening of the 11 inst, aged 47, had been a professor of Christianity little more than 1 year. Left his widow, and one son Henry, as mourners for an irreparable earthly loss. Agreeably to his request the physicians opened his head, but found nothing of much consequence different from what it should have been - his disease was supposed to be seated on the liver.



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 Fair and unusually cold - stiff current of air pressing from N.W., - some cloudy - gloomy - very unpleasant. Completed covering ditch at which received assistance from friend Wight up to noon. P.M. Geo continued working at ditch - most of us attended the funeral of Mr Dexter - Mr Hooker preached from Psalms 89 - v 47 - mainly exhorting his hearers to be prepared for death - giving a short account of Mr D's devotional life toward the close of it - The sermon in my estimation being well adapted to the occasion. Followed or even assisted in bearing the corpse to the grave where after Mr H. made a short address in the usual way, the coffin having been with due solemnity laid in the grave, & the people having retired, I remained with Dr Sam Robinson, A.J. Haswell, the sexton & H. Waters, and assisted in filling the grave. This solemn service ended - Mr H. shewed me the monument erected to the memory of my great-grandmother, Bridget Harwood, who was the first person of adult age that died in Bennington - late in the year 1762. Looked at the stones placed over the graves of my grandfather Harw'd & his 2 wives - came into the street in front of Hicks' - saw & conversed a good while with L. Jewett & John W. Vail - the latter had not sold his dairy - had refused a second offer from J.V. Brown of \$5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> deliv'd at Hoosick Corners without casks - felt himself rather ill used - as he tho't his as good as his neighbors - Pool's & Martin's for which they were to pay \$6 deliv'd as above. At the store of Sanf'd & Brown paid over & took receipt, drawn by J.S. Merrill, from Levi Jewett for \$12. - public school money to go towards the daughter Adelines Hill for teaching in Dist. No. 2 the pres't season - See Apl 9 1832 - Cousin Andrrw Parsons waited upon his mother and little Mary here this P.M. - made but a short tarry - left mother & child to enjoy a visit & departed for Hoosick Falls. Our friend Chatfield, without previous knowledge of what company we had rec'd, came up from Algiers - spent a few moments here and then marched away with sign which he formerly used in Hoosick.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 There was on the gr'd this morning a pretty respectable frost - but I believe it was not very injurious to vegetation - Remarkably fine day. Geo P. & Fr'd Wight and team were in the service of Isaac Doolittle Esq carting pounded stone into the highway beyond the bridge below the foot of Meeting house hill - where the road is to be McAdamized. An old fence between the S. mead & Little M. was overhauled, new foundation placed &c. by father & me. Late in the day was busy in dairy. We rec'd company - Mr Jas Martin, lady & her sister Mrs Mosley of Troy, N.Y. - They saw, and just as anybody would, praised the dairy. Mr M. stated his age to be 58. Lent to Miss Sophia Mather this morning, Smellie's Natural History and some other book belonging to Adeline's school establishment. N.L. Robinson came up in the eve'g - sold him the whip he formerly owned for 75" - rec'd 50 down - See Dec 30 1831

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 15 Rained to begin with - afterwards only cldy from the S. The daily task of feeding the cows with rouen was not overlooked. It was discovered that the rye lately sown would never grow, or if now & then a shoot should spring up, it was plain that the ground by no means would be properly stocked - therefore a quantity of rye was threshed out - yielding at the rate of 5 bbls to 90 sheaves. The fence mentioned on the 14th was put in order - Dairy attended to &c Geo, self & Hopkins rode after dark to East Village - saw B. Squires re-



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specting Grover. S. appeared to be started - accomp'd me to his house and to some other houses to endeavor to see him - at Last S. gave out, returning home to his own residence. I continued the search and found him at the store of A.B. & Co - in my way came across friend Chatfield and conversed a mom't - Mr Gore shewed himself a man - saying he had been to the Furnace with an order on the Iron Co of \$18 which he tried to get the Agents to examine, accept & replace with a Bank check, but through their negilgence failed and retired without or otherwise he would have paid me at home this day. I proposed taking the order and giving a receipt for it - he acquiesced - went up to his house and returned with it - would take no receipt - if I procured the money there on, might settle with him another day. Reports of a vague nature had gone abroad that his standing as to pecuniary affairs was doubtful, which with his being so much in arrear of the day on which his note fell due, caused me to feel uneasy - I knew the security was safe, but did not wish to see it come to that extremity, without first using all proper means to collect. However when I came to see the man, hear him talk & hear his friend Mr Haynes tell that those reports originated with those whom he employed in the coaling business, who had already rec'd pay in advance, but wanting more & being denied, were displeased and took that course for revenge - I say my confidence in the man was greatly strengthened. Geo P. took up on my acc't at T.Hills & Co leather amounting to \$7.50 Of Aust B. & Co bo't a small whip - price 88 cts - saw Eldad Dewey & others. There was a meeting of the Nationals up Street to choose a delegate to the County Convention to be holden at Arlington to nominate a candid ate for Memb. of Congress from this Dist I was not present - therefore did not know the name of s'd delegate.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16 Warm - very pleasant. Usual number went to meeting Preaching a part of the day by a stranger - Agent o of the Education Soc. My pen was clumsily wielded by the same thick hand that guides it at this mom't. Ira B.Dewey supped with us & departed about dark. A young black begged & rec'd his dinner here.

MONDAY, SEPT. 17 Very fair and fine under summer heat. All were hard pressed in cutting up corn - Mr Wight was included. I was deputed to convey cornstalks to cows besides putting dairy in order. P.M. visited Furnace, obtained check with the aforesaid order - saw a young man getting subscribers for a Religious Periodical - against Universalism.

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I was solicited to subscribe, but refused for want of funds. There were present Doolittle & Corbiere - saw Leavenworth. Left John Hrword word to come & make shoes for us - Got scraps of leather & came away - At Aus Booth & Co's bo't trimmings for fine coat, pantaloons, vest & other garments amounting to upward of \$3. Austin cashed my check of \$18 - Made a call at L.Patchin & Co's where friend Lyman Rob. agreed to wait on me for money due on Wight's bill of goods \$9.92 until the middle of Oct. next. While there saw young Perez Harwood, Mr Jacob Pool, Erastus Montague, D.Ruttenbur &c Aft. dark when I arrived home.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 18 Very fine & extremely warm. Cutting corn was completed & mostly drawn off the field, put up in bunches a few feet from the edge of s'd field. Mr Wight was a successful & very laborious assistant - had also S.W.Daniels who was also very active - to apply on acc't of G.P. raking & binding oats-see 21" & "" Aug. The ladies were gallanted by me to H.Waters' on P.M.visit. Hopkins waited up on them home in the evening.



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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 Another really fine very hot day - The ground mentioned on the last line of Sept 7 was this day resown with new rye - harrowed over by 2 teams, one of which was the yoke of oxen owned by Norman Norton. When s'd job was bro't to a conclusion - harrows only having been used to get in the seed - teams were set to getting off the remainder of the corn which was accomplished pretty hastily. Sylvanus served us another day. Mr Wight broke his back digging potatoes in the field. B. Harwood & Son threshed 60 sheaves handsome wint. wheat.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 Fine, unusually hot - continued clearing field of potatoes. Kept one team moving pretty steadily with plow - managed mostly by Mr Wight. We kept Norman's oxen over night & wanted to plow therewith, but after making trial a few bouts, the heat was found too great for them. They were, however, put to it again toward the close of the day, but did not accomplish miracles. A rich load of rouen was transported to the cow pasture. Mother, Mrs Parsons & Sally performed a visiting trip to E. Bennington - at the house of J. Rogers. My lady conveyed to the wife of Cephas Rockwood a line enclosing \$10 to Sam'l Rockwood in full for oil meal - Mother left note & 80" change for Esek Gore Jr to balance order rec'd on Saturday. She bo't calico for gown \$2.10 Sally bo't at Aust B & Co's ticking amounting to \$1.69 - all on acct - note & money were left in the care of Austin. Geo & Hopkins were out this evening - bo't pound tea on a/c at Sanf'd & Brown's 75" - Gall. good lamp oil at F.B. & Co's \$1 on book and plow point of Grover on cr for 50 cts. Gen'l Robinson's people broke the sweep nut of the cider mill - had become rotten in the center - Some plagued pressing wheyey cheese.

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 Warmly - rainy P.M. Much time was lost in attempting to raise a horse team which was effected by getting Sam'l H. Browns' old grey harnessed beside the mare Jenny - great botheration having previously been encountered in fitting up old harness - to Sam'l's side hill plough. A number of rounds were performed when Geo P. finding his team difficult to manage, gave up the horses & took to oxen & horse, Hopkins rider, and in this way went on well until broken up by rain. Mr Wight spent the A.M. ploughing with our oxen - P.M. attended Public Fast at the Meeting House, Centre Village. I performed awhile after his clearance, but being called on by Capt H. Robinson to examine cider mill, left team which was then goaded on by B. Harwood - all backed out for rain. When that was over Geo & Hopkins finished the day with our own team - Norman's oxen were in business say half a day. Capt Heman seemed anxious to hasten the reparation of the mill - said he would furnish timber. Some share of time was spent in the cheese room. Mother went to meeting on foot, came home in the same manner. In the evening commenced reading aloud the story of Tom Cringle's Log. Wound myself much at fault in the performance for want of practice. Mrs Parsons worked on pantaloons.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 22 Pretty rainy till past 11 A.M. tolerably pleasant, grew cold in the evening. We wished to drive the plowing, but the weather was against us. Rouen'd the cows, had a fine lot of cheese casks bro't from Fuller's by Geo. who weighed & marked as he loaded them. Field cleared of beans - Fanning mill let down from shed loft, transported to the barn, where a few bhl of handsome wint wht



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were winnowed. Hopkins, who was on the point of going off with Geo P to Fuller's, was sent to mill with the last 4 bbls old wheat & some rye. After his return when with me to drive home the oxen of N. Norton, with which we had comparatively done little, and the minister of Maj L. Norton H. got Spect. of Sept. 13" & 14". Friend Wight paid a visit to Aus. Harmon Jr to collect debt. Our ladies were hon'd this P.M. with the comp'y of old Mrs Waters, young Mrs W. & child & Miss L. Harwood. As to Maj. L's minister see Jor'l 25 - Miss Parsons finished making a pair of home spun pantaloons for me. On the 13th inst Hopkins entered a scholar at the Brick Academy under the tuition of Mr Sheldon & Miss Foote.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 23 Cold - flying clds - wind blew chillingly from the N. In divers ways I was employed, nor could time be spared, as used or spent in my fashion for scrubbing up & taking off beard, which event did at length occur - past 1 P.M. Bro't Jour'l almost up to the present date - had not been so since 20th June, or thereabouts. Geo P., Wight, mother & girls attended public worship - Mr Woods, Andover, preached.

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Father being unwell perused his Bible at home. Cous Ira B. Dewey paid his respects to us, riding upon his Harmon colt. By request read a very pretty letter dated Hopkinton Aug 26 to him from his sister Sally. All well & doing well - had not rec'd my letter of Aug 19. Paid \$5 in money to I.B.D. and engaged to pay the postage of the aforementioned letter. N.L. Robinson came to see & converse with us a few moments - wanted to see note of April 2d which he said could not pay at present, told him I was in no distress for it - might pass along a good while yet - until a day more commodious to him - told of being in Troy on Friday last with W. Haswell by whose assistance some valuable property was secured to him & his brother Samuel - Bo't there a superb kitchen stove & bro't it home to please his mother. Mr Bullard & lady (a daughter of Capt Sam'l Scott who was a valuable citizen of this town formerly residing in the S. part of our School Dist. who departed this life sometime in the year 1764) being here on a visit from Fletcher, Vt., where now resides one of my grand-father's sisters, the only survivor of all the uncles & aunts of my father on either side of the house, of whom report was bro' that she was in good health, lively, cheerful & industrious. To this personage I addressed a short epistle - sufficient to make her know the health & circumstances of our family and that we yet remembered her - gave it to cous. N.L. who was to put it into the hands of Mr Bullard who, with his wife, a cousin of Dr Sam's, were expected to their house, on Monday, on a visit.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24 Cold morning - slight frost - chilly S. wind & cldy. Eight bbls of wht, a part of which, being smutty, grew in 1831, well limed, was sown by father on the cornfield W. of the barn. Two teams were in motion, of which one was made up of Sam'l H's old grey and our mare, Jenny - driven by our fr'd Wight - Ground all plowed out & harrowed over one way. W's team was found too fiery on the plough - which they in some degree wrecked. To the cows this morning was distributed 45 hills cornstalks - their pasture, though looking remarkably fresh, was, nevertheless, most sparingly short. Cheese made 22d weighed 49 lbs. Henry H. Parsons came from Hoosick, snatched his mother & little Mary away in a trice. Bro't news that little Seth Ed had been run over whole length of his body by 1 horse waggon - no damage ensued. Hane fell & hurt her side, had recovered mostly. Mr Wells, the painter, was at their house sick, & they had taken in 3 more boarders.



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TUESDAY, SEPT. 25 Rained very soakingly from about sun rise till nearly noon - after that the air was damp & cold, flying clds & chilling blasts of w'd from N.W. - Business of course could not be very great. Cornstalks were served to cows. G.P. commissioned to procure grist at the mill and horse shoeing at H.Norton's - either saw or made enquiry for Ed'd Savage, mill wright, to repair cider mill, could not come because he had a broken back.

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G.P. also bo't onon my acct cloth & trimmings for fine coat at Aus B.& Co's - carried the same to Mr Davis the tailor, who took measure of his mortal body and agreed to finish his coat at or near the expiration of 2 weeks. G's bill at said store amounted to \$9.38 He also bo't other & cheaper cloth at F.B.& Co's - bill being \$6.44. I fretted about house looking up figures for marking cheese casks - several were lost. Wrote a line of complaint to Southworth of Hoosick Corners because he did not send for his cheese - Left line at Hicks' - James said he would forward it by a passenger in the stage which was just ready to start out. Paid 21 cts postage on J.B.Dewey's letter & 2 papers, one of which rec'd from cousin H.Robinson - dated Fayette Ville Sept 12 - Turn to sd day. Paid \$1 to milliner at M.S.Norton's for work performed last summer. Was besides sometime at Sanf'd & Brown's where took up several small articles on acc't - small tacks - 10 cs - pound starch 13, quite paper 25, G.Hellen of Hoosick was there - bo't & pd \$7. for 100 lbs nails - sang ~~selnf~~ song of Old Hickory - Visited Gazette Office - saw them working off paper - agreed for 50 cts worth printing on pasteboard payable in apples. Henry Fassett spoke for cider, but no bargain was made. Came home in season for milking. Mr Wight tailored for himself A.M. - worked P.M. on chest in H.Waters' shop. At night my old lady suffered the milk to remain in tubs - the first time since, tow'd the last of May, that she had done so, with the exception of setting a small quantity in pans, a precaution entered into toward the end of June. Paid J.Ogden 25 cts for forkstail made in summer.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26 Fair, growing warm. The ground lately sown with wht was completely harrowed over - the old Dutch mare performing the office of 1 team by propelling one of the 2 harrows - father being teamster - that business was accomplished in season to admit of rolling half the field by the end of the day. The cows were fed with cornstalks - dairy attended to &c. Rec'd visit from Aus Harmon Jr who wished to view the dairy - he did so very critically, trying the quality of it by boring into several different cheeses and tasting thereof, all the while complimenting me very highly on a count of its being so fine & so well shaped, thought himself well paid for calling. Mentioned his late tour to Middlebury in the course of which he stopped to inspect many of the Danby dairies, which however, he considered not superior to ours. After dinner, to which he was invited, but refused because he had eaten so recently at home, at his request accomp'd him to the pasture to see the cows, where he desired me to designate such as I should wish to dispose of by about the end of the season or beginning of winter - so I did - he requested my price - I mentioned something of 11 or 12 doll's, but not feeling as if he would actually purchase, was not very explicit on that point, presumed of course that they must go low - He made an offer of \$10 pr h'd - Did not ac



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cept - took time for consideration - He rode away with Chestfield who likewise had p'd us a short visit. Past 3 P.M. went over to E.Village to endeavor to procure a carpenter who would repair cider mill - saw Asahel Harwood and rode with him a few rods in his new yellow waggon in which man nor woman had ever ridden before. Saw B.Taft engaged at digging well in rear of his house, made an agreement with him to come and execute the job, beginning on Monday next, but on asking his terms found it was going to cost too much, \$1.50 pr day - that price his services commanded, at the same time could do no better for us than a common carpenter at \$1. - so that scheme blew up - He mentioned old Mr Rose - I called on him - full of employment at sashes &c - formerly worked at cidermills, was now out of it, had not got suitable tools - mentioned Mr Gage and more particularly Josiah Noble of Pownal. I made no further trial for a carpenter - Called on Newell Squires for letter from Arnold's - which he could not find - mentioned that they said to him which I suppose was the am't of the contents of the letter - that they were not buying cheese - would assist me in selling at N.York, where the price was 6 to 7 cts. Mr Wight came home sooner than I did - completed joining at H.Waters'.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 Mild - say rather warm - clouds from S. - signs of storm - the wheatfield, late cornfield, was left completely rolled and furrows plowed to convey of redundant waters in the spring of the year & during the fall of great rains. Remainder of the day, after Sam H. Brown's side-hill plough was carried home, which by the bye had not used a great deal, potatoes were dug near the cider press. Sylvanus W. Daniels transported wood for N.Norton past the house to some one in the street. Friend Wight visited his friends in the W. p't of Shaftsbury. The last mess of cornstalks particularly designed for the cows were given out this m'g - Cheese made on the 25th weighed 54 lbs.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28 Very fine & warm, pleasant as summer. The chief business on the farm was that of digging potatoes - I conveyed grist of corn to Doolittle's mill - visited the house of our cousin Stephen Harwood - learned that he was engaged in building barn doors for Elijah Greenslet on the Windham Turnpike - so away I posted to the residence of that man - saw and agreed with him to come on Monday next if possible, and make us a pair of cider mill nuts - About noon when I returned to the mill - took in Ind. meal & 2 empty cid. bbl & came home by 1 P.M. - after dinner joined with father & G.P. in digging potatoes grown in S. mead. which were handsome - got 1 load - See May 14 & 16 - and Sept 7 concerning bbls. Near the end of the day friend Sam Loomis came up to view cows - accomp'd me to the pasture - to drive them home - pointed out such as we designed to sell him - he examined for himself & was in

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structed respecting their characters - and terms given - \$14 pr hd if deliv'd on or about the 1st of Oct., or if delivered at commencement of foddering season at \$11 - Left the business in suspense - G.P. Harwood & Hopkins visited the street - the former took up goods at F.B. & Co's to amt of 21 cts. Job Olin formerly member of Bennington Academy, now of W's College came with Mr Wight as he returned from Shaftsbury - the former walked and very agreeably conversed with me as I went to bring home 2 delinquent cows that loitered in rear. In the evening father associated with me in the dairy room - weighed a number of the most



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ponderous cheeses, of the which the heaviest came up to 85 lbs. Cheese made on the 26th inst weighed 52 lbs. The Caravan and Circus were established at J. Hicks' - Every boy to whom this fact was communicated was on tip toe and ran eagerly there with their York shillings & quarters to satiate their greedy curiosity. Mother rode up with me in the morning attended Friday meeting - and was waited upon home by the girls & Hopkins. Miss Adeline Harwood was this day 16 years of age - enjoying good health. Mr Russell from the Furnace called late in the day to make inquiry respecting pork.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29 Very warm, clds from S. Digging potatoes was successfully pursued. Mr Wight accomp'd his fr'd Olin up Street - & late in the day returned here - got into the waggon with me and rode to Hoosick Falls. Called on Mr Southworth at the Corners who said he intended sending order for the cheese next week - tow'd the latter end would send on his teams. Arrived at the Falls at dark - all in usual health - With Andrew & Orville went to the shop of Mr Hewett - and was there measured for suit - left cloth and trimmings with direction to have coat made by H. at \$5. West and pantaloons by Mrs Parsons at \$1.25 Mr Wells complained of dreadful headache - had been out of health all summer. Near the Corners we noticed their newly erected Baptist Church - standing on a commanding little eminence - dimensions rather contracted - fronting the S. with a handsome clock face painted thereon exhibiting false hands - an impropriety not fully weighed by the proprietors I presume, otherwise they never would have sanctioned such flimsy, ill designed deception in a place so sacred & exclusively appropriated to the all important purpose of disseminating Eternal Truth.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30 Temperate - clds thick moving up from S. a few slight dashes of rain fell during the day - thund. light'g & heavy rain at night. Most of the young people including fr'd Wight went to meeting. Cous. Henry who last eve'g endured great pain from the stump of a tooth which had broken off in attempting its extraction felt pretty clear in the morning - played well the bass viol accompanied vocally by Mr Wight..

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Poor Mr Wells continued terribly harassed with violent head ache - from which there was no respite - was really to be pitied - rec'd visit from Dr Bostwick who prescribed for him - as I presume, without much success. I found steady employment in the perusal of Dr Johnson on Hypochondriacs Dyspepsy and all such complaints - the grand remedy for which, as recommended by him, is low simple diet. Visited Gen'l Seth & lady who as usual were very sociable, entertaining & instructive - dined there, and past 4 P.M. came away. Friend W. drove a good jog - the old mare having left her darling at home - made her double her diligence - arrived here about dark. Spent the eve'g writing. Cheese of Sept 28th weighed 48 lbs.

MONDAY, (SEPT) OCT 1 Grand rains which with few intervals lasted all day. Under unfavorable circumstance G.P. Harw'd casked 30 cheeses - filling 5 casks to the full - he drove up st't in the rain, varrying Hopkins to school - returned with S'd & Brown's Pat. Balances & Dr H. Swifts large steel yards - made use of the former only Average weight of casks filled - over 400 cwt - Rec'd from the printing office the figures handsomely executed - spoken for Sept 25 - Cutting



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them out was Adeline's business. Past noon cous. Stephen arrived - had been setting iron hoops for S. Pratt - with father selected a log of timber in Gen'l Robinson's woods adapted nobly to the purpose of making cider mill - it was bro't home by means of oxen & sled. Those gentlemen took a pretty thorough soaking while thus employed. M. Manchester partailly bargained for a fat hog at \$6 per cwt. Mr Russell bo't & pd \$7.20 in money for 12½ lbs salt pork - talked of buying one of the fat hogs. Friend Wight in various was was preparing himself for College at "Billstown". I was fully occupied in the cheese house, preparing to weigh - assisting in weighing - chalking w't on casks &c. Cows pastured in litt. mead. Commenced weaning colt in good earnest. Eve'g read Journal 1827 to cous. Stephen.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2 Damp, cldy, chilly in the evening - suspected we might get frost - Roads muddy. Cousin Stephen assisted by B. Harwood worked on cider mill - Geo P. & self compleating casking and weighing 20 casks cheese which in the aggregate, allowing Sanf'd & Br's Pat. Balances to be correct, weighed lbs 8831, from which subtracts lbs 471 for casks would leave lbs 7860 cheese. According to our calculation we put up 117 cheeses including the 2 first made in Sept. Late in the day Mr Wight waited upon Ellen & Adeline up Street - the former bo't goods of L. Patchin & Co on my acc't to am't of 5/6 - which she had towads wages. Mr W. bro't from F.B. & Co's an old 56 weight, formerly used on an old pair scales - Frank's opinion was that because it had been out of use so long, it could not be correct - Tried it by our large steelyards and found it too light by 2 lbs - but it agreed exactly with Dr Swifts - & failed ¼ lbs by the afores'd balances. But suppose it to be a true 56, it would according to my calculation, make us lose 63 lbs

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Our friend John Harwood took seat here at making shoes - The ladies were busily occupied in preparing things for Mr Wight who was now on the eve of departure for Williams College.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3 Cloudy - chilling wind which ended in rain from SW. at the close of the day. Ascertained two facts early in the day - which were that the bill of cheese amounted 100 lbs less than as entered yesterday - mistake in setting down figures - A cask weighing 320 - tare 21 - would leave lbs 299 - on bill read 399. Corrected, the bill stands at lbs 7760 - and that my loss in weighing, allowing the 56 to have been correct, amtd to ab't 8 lbs. Wrote a line to Southworth at the F. Corners to inform him that his cheese would be ready for delivery on the morrow - Rode up Street - returned all my weighing apparatus - visited printing office, procured Gazette, bo't of Sol Clark 1 quite faintlined paper for 25 on short cr. Engaged to Fassett 3 or 4 bbls of cider at \$1 per bbl - 1 do to E. Montague whom I saw with our friend J.S. Robinson - Came home & spent P.M. assisting cous. Stephen at turning short nut of cid. mill and heading up or setting up Cheese casks for Adeline to paint - she finished all in good style - the figures were entered in red on very lively Spanish brown. Father after busily working the A.M. in getting down another portion of the tree mentioned on the 1st inst., for short nut - past 1 P.M. started off in one horse wagg. for W'stown with friend Wight & furniture, of which he had quite a snug treasure - By then wrote a short letter to cousin Margaret - inviting her to come and spend the winter with us. G.P.



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assisted by Tho's Kent dug & put in cellar 60 bbls potatoes. Mr J. Harwood stuck to the bench until bed time in the evening. The geese were picked by Mrs Harris & daughter. Concerning cheese in 1831 - see Sept 16 of that year - abd Aug. 30th of the pres't. Refused to take \$5.50 money down, for the pork of two fat hogs, by our good friend W. Haswell. Left line for Southw'h at Hicks' with verbal order to have it forwarded forthwith.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4 Chilly, unpleas't, rainy - much so P.M. & eve'g. Cousin Stephen held on getting ready the cider mill - Geo. could do little otherwise than to assist him, which he did in turning ~~oat~~ nut & beating out mortices. In the Str't bo't of J.Ogden and paid 25" for 6 ft  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch oak boards for making cogs to cider mill. At Sanf'd & Brown's heard, Doolittle, A.Robinson, Deac Hinsdill &c speaking of the fatal vote of Philadelphia against Jacksonism - Bought lb tobac. 17" on cr - Promised 14 bbls cider to Mr Sanf'd, 2 to Doolittle & on the hill 1 or 2 hhds to J. M Loomis with



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very particular request to be particular in putting up his cider - so that it should be good - Promised to do all I could tow'd it, but would not warrant it. Bo't of F.F. Forbes ball of shoe-thread, for which p'd 0/9. Saw J.S. Robinson and requested him to make enquiry for Joseph Thomas' family to ascertain whether the old gentleman were yet alive - promised he would as he was going to Hardwick - the place of his residence, to which he removed from this town in Feb 1807 - was long a citizen of our neighborhood - labored in our fields and meadows many a day Called at Hicks' and on enquiry learned that my letter to Southworth was there yet - had forgotten it yesterday - would send it on to day. Came home with s'd timber. Father had arrived from Williamstown where all were in health & doing well. Deac. Levi gone to cattle-show, Pittsfield. Early in the evening waited upon mother home from H. Waters' - Hopkins in co. ~~Made~~ Procured brand of Chandler which made a fair impression - In the evening branded every cask of cheese put up for Southworth & Brown. Must record that the stove was set up without much difficulty. See Nov 6 1831. Cows pastured in S. meadow were on Monday admitted into little meadow.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 Pleas't and fair. Potatoes were dug, cider mill made ready to run by cous.. Stephen - whose bill amounted to \$3.75 - paid him \$3.67 in money & 8c in  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb tobacco - took dinner - departed - leaving us well pleased. Mr Harwood contin'd on bench until 8 o'clock in the evening and by direction made a short piece of leather hose for convenience in filling casks with water at the watering trough. Young Elisha Waters and his mother arrived P.M. from Stockbridge & Pittsfield where they left all relatives in good health - Supped with us & departed for F.W. Coffins'. Cheese made on the 4th 55 lbs. Cous. N.L. Robinson happened here this morning & paid me a balance of 25 cents in full for whip - His father and mother gone to Coleraine, Mss.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 Clear, very fine & warm. Yet digging potatoes - sorted & selected for use about 16 bbls eye potatoes - Prepared everything for delivery of cheese to Southworth & Br. but they never came for it. By friend Chatfield rec'd letter from Southworth, without date, but evidently written this morning and without having seen mine of the 3d inst., stating that they should do nothing with the cheese until the 12th or 15th on account of sickness in N. York - were sorry to disappoint me so. For my part was glad it was all safely and snugly in casks. This morning I wrote another line to S. & B. much like the first only more particular

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as to the am't of s'd article, which if I were correct came up to \$475.05 - sent line pr Mrs Waters who was going to Troy with her son-in-law F.W. Coffin - probably was handed in as they passed F. Corners this P.M. - Rec'd visit from J. Rogers with his friend Miranda Martin - former complained of ill health - J. Murphy bro't on cider bbls & had 2 bbls common apples gathered by self & boy - charged at 20". Friend Chatfield supped with us - seemed to be in low spirits. Hopkins drove for Adeline & Ellen to Algiers - visited A. & B's without trading - H. procured 4 rennets of Mr Twiss on cr - returned home by Maj L. Norton's and got Spect. of Sept 24 in which is the speech of Mr Webster on the Veto Message - account of the capture of Black Hawk and the prophet - conclusion of Ind. war &c. While employed this morning in the erection



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of staging at the door of the cheese room for conven't despatch of business there when teams from Hoosick should arrive - gov. Tichenor called & informed me that he had a quantity of apples which he wished to get ground at our mill, would forward them next week - enquired for partridges - intended to join Judge Luman in hunting one that ~~day~~ they started up yesterday - would spend the whole day to find that single one. Potatoes all dug in S. meadow - pretty good yield - 200 bhls from an acre. Mr J. Harwood not on bench this day - off collecting.

TUESDAY, OCT. 7 Chilly, cloudy - aft pt day rainy - wound up before milking time. Girls conveyed to meeting by Hopkins who drove for S. Wm Daniels to his father's without order for so doing. G.P. at church but a part of the day - I perused Webster's Speech in Senate, July 11 1832, on Veto Message - considered very able, and much to the point - Left the Message in a mangled state - we must support the U.S.B. & the Constitution. Hiram Waters came here P.M. - had an a/c with Aus. B. & Co copied - something over \$100. In Sept we made lbs 1686 green weight cheese.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 Fine & warm - excellent day for business - digging potatoes bro't to a conclusion - had rising of 300 bhls. Apple bin near the cider press more properly in rear of the mill erected & nearly completed. Sent off 6 casks cheese pr order to Southworth & Brown, Hoosick 4 Corners, by Crandall's 3 horse team driven by a young fellow apparently not over 18 years of age - had a boy with him 10 to 12 that he called William - The former liked the taste of our cheese remarkably - particularly of the potted. Made settlement with Tho's Kent up to the time of his beginning to work here in haying, by which, had I insisted upon pay for every article charged, he would have owed us 8 cs - I threw off 13 c from \$8.01 which left a difference of 5 in his favor - and as to what remained due on what had paid him for his month in haying - gave in 1 day - 3 yet due - one of which he

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this day paid - see Aug 6 1832 - Oct 5 1831 - Lent road scraper to Eunice Jewett by John Searls. The total weight of the load cheese sent off was lbs 2516. Evening, ladies, Geo P. & S.W.D. pared apples for drying - Two cider hhds were taken out of the cellar & filled with water by means mentioned Oct 5. Cheese made 6th Oct weighed 60 lbs.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 Rather gloomy, hazy, cldy - S.W'd - rained faintly in the eve'g. Assisted by Tho's Kent ab't 11½ bhls butter-nuts were collected and 30 do winter apples for use in winter. At the close of the day a team from Williamstown drove up & landed the lady & daughter of our cousin Harvey Smedley and a Miss Fitch who all tarried the night with us, intending on the morrow to witness Mr Ballard's School Examination. On Wednesday last, if I write correctly, Mr Lawyer Isham was married to Miss S. the only daughter of Dr N. Swift - sat off directly for Boston, Ms. As to a Mr Bullard mentioned 23d Sept I was incorrect - he was the son of the gentleman then set down - the latter having died a few years since. Whether the young man came with his wife or mother I did not learn - See Sept. 23d.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10 Clouds from the S. - about 10 A.M. began to rain - continued an hour or two - then held up mostly until evening, when a rainy warm night followed. A quantity of corn was collected on the barn floor which gave employm't to father, G.P., & T.



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Kent at husking. I was sent to mill with the 4 last bbls of Ind. corn ho't of Mr Kinsley Feb. last, some poor rye & other stuff - all which had ground. Perused a few of the columns of a Religious paper printed at Boston entitled "Christian Soldier" - Anti Universal. For Jay Ballard gave note to Buckley Squired due 2d of Jan'y next without interest - took Ballard's receipt in full for the same. Saw Mr Sam'l Safford at the mill having wheat run through fanning mill to prepare it for sowing - conversed with him on old times. In East Bennington street met & rec'd \$8.75 in full of Elisha Lyon for cheese delivered 4th of July last - said the debt had entirely slipped his memory. The note he gave was, at the store of F. Blackmer & Co which, as I engaged to do, called and endorsed on it payment in full - Saw and conversed a mom't with capt P. Dewey whose health was in a degree restored - Saw also old Mr Chandler, D. Black & Co. F.B. gone to N. York - Got home aft dark. Mrs Street and youngest daughter Mrs Lewis, N. Leb., N.Y. here on visit - Lucy was of the party during P.M. Twenty three years since Jack Street left Bennington to go to Detroit to live with his relative James Chittenden. This evening wrote letters to J.A. Wight & cous. Mary Harwood - in the first enclosed \$5. tow'd wages - in the last reiterated invitation to spend the winter here - with some more particulars - Requested reply. See Oct. 3

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THURSDAY, OCT. 11 Continued rainy until nearly noon - cldy all day - but not cold - it was expected it would be at last. Convey Hopkins as far as H. Waters' on his way to school - Here found those ladies from Williamstown mentioned on the 9th inst. They had spent the night there. Composed a short line for H.W. to Wight enclosing \$2.50 which the former owed the latter on note - put the same with the two described on the 10th into the hands of the lady of Harvey Smedley with information respecting the sums contained therein - she promised to deliver them safely. Paid up L. Patchin & Co in full \$9.92 for Wight - had rec't & 92 cts for Ellen M. Parsons - Had cheese hoop banded at Chandler's. Came home, dined, put cheese in the press, harnessed mare for wife & daughter who waited upon Mrs Street & Mrs Lewis to East Bennington - the latter had a smart little boy with her about 2 yrs old, named Henry, given her by his mother - Hiram Waters came down to get butter - rec'd 2 lbs 14 oz, paid me 50 c in money - told me the clever bargain he had made with doct H. Swift to build Ishams office or more properly raising the old stone one story, finishing the same and doing some other jobs, for which rec'd in paym't an elegant Franklin stove &c Joined father & G.P. in gathering fruit in the upper orch'd. They had husked corn during the morn'g assisted by T. Kent who was now according to agreem't even with us, apparently dissatisfied on acc't of the bargain in haying. Mrs Smedley said her husband & family were calculating next Spring to remove to the State of Ohio, Co. of Medina, where he had purchased a farm. Died on the 10th inst Mrs Lucretia, amiable consort of Sam'l Scott Esq aged 56 years. She was the daughter of Mr Ezkiel Harmon, formerly of this town, and a grand-daughter of Martin Dewey, one of my mother's uncles - of course brother of the first Cong. Minister settled in Bennington. Mrs S. was an exemplary member of the Cong Church & in every respect a fine woman tenderly beloved by her husband & family, and respected by all with whom she was acquainted. She had for many years suffered much from ill health.



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FRIDAY, OCT. 12 Excellent for business - Two lds apples were bro't from the upper orch'd. Father, Sally & girls attended funeral P.M. Capt Heman Robinson & man made cider - 3 or 4 bbls. Shewed them the dairy. Old Mrs Jewett paid mother a short visit - in the evening rode with Hopkins to L.Norton's Esq., talked on politicks awhile - got a few numbers of the N.Y.Spect. - made a call at Norman's. N. getting better - came home & read, or tried to read, papers but was too drowsy and therefore had to go to bed.

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Joseph Madill, an Irishman lately in the employm't of major L.Norton was said to be insane - There was great rejoicing going on among anti Jackson men all over the country. How they rejoice in Nov next remains to be seen. Both the Gr't Political Parties of our country love flattery, will greedily swallow the most glaring misstatements respecting their opponents.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13 Grew dew this morning - mild weather continued with cloudy, hazy, sky, rain expected. Continued collecting fruit in upper orch'd. Girls assisted young Mrs Harwood in selecting such as they liked - afterwards put on board of 1 h. wagg. & drawn to the house by the 'old mare'. Even'g Gp with Hopkins for coachman, rode to printing office - left 2 bbls apples to pay my bill of figure printing - proceeded to Algiers to enquire for coat at Davis' - not done. Returned late in the evening. In the course of the day 2 lds cheese were delivered to Southworth & Brown pr teamsters Carpenter & Shaw - either of whom took 7 casks - the former carrying lbs 2780 - the latter lbs 2955 - overrunning my bill, including the first load on Monday, 2516 by twenty pounds which for awhile gave me uneasiness - however dismissed with the idea that it was occasioned by mistake in taking down numbers of said casks after they were loaded on board Grand's waggon. Two lds app's were gathered. Capt Heman besides getting wood, made an end of his cider job. This morning rec'd friendly visit from Elisha Waters Jr - staid but little while - spoke of having been very steady at his employm't, not having lost a day in 17 months - clerk in the apothecary store of O.C.Hull, Troy Said he should return thither on Monday next. Informed us that all clerks were entitled to 2 weeks in a year for visiting friends or other bus's.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14 Cold, unpleasant, cloudy, strong N.W. wind. No one from this house at church. Occupied mostly reading N.Y. papers. Nothing very interesting in the prints - There was mention made of a Mr Thrall, Binghampton, Broome Co., N.Y. who had been principal of the Female Seminary in that Village, an Episcopal Clergyman, native of Norway, finely educated, who for attempt at rape on the person of his wife's daughter was recently sentenced to State Prison for five years. Since his arrest & confinement had endeavored by every means to get his punishment mitigated - had for that end handsomely written out the Lord's Prayer in seven languages. But it availed him nothing, the Judge stuck to justice and in spite of the many honorable connections, sacred calling & fine accomplishments, sentence was passed upon him - and he must and lose his foreign salary in the bargain.



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MONDAY, OCT. 15 Frozen & frosty in the morning, the most so of any known since last Spring - Cold w'd contin'd blowing from N. until past noon. P.M. tolerably warm & comfortable. There were signs of storm. Two lds fruit collected in upper orch'd. Rec'd application for more salt pork from Mr Hollister's brother of Woodf'd - could not comply because it was not to be spared. He wanted live hog, but could not swally 6 cs pr lb. Sylvanus W. Daniels paid up cow note given first of April for \$19 - which with interest amt'd to \$19.62½, which he handed over in full this eve'g. Our ladies pared & cut apples for drying, in the evening. Capt H. Robinson made a quantity of water cider to wind up his cider making for the pres't.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 Fine for business. Two loads more fruit bro't home from the upper orch'd. Gov Tichenor sent on yesterday his 2d and last load of apples to be made into cider. Norman Daniels asked leave for H. Fassett to put in 12 bhls apples to be converted into cider - granted. Perused Biographical Notice of Mr V. Buren in the N.Y. Statesman of Sept 4 1832 - Born 1782 - Rejected by the Senate of U.S. from being Minister to the Court of St James, Jan 24 1832. So mild this day we worked with coats off.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17 Continued very mild - S. wind came up strong - expected rain. Collected 2 lds apples & got in a quantity of corn for husking. My lady bo't calico at Aust B. & Co's for gown pattern - at 1/0 pr yd. & other things at other stores. Girls completed cleaning dairy room. Geo & Hopkins off to Algiers in the evening - Sylvanus made cider for N. Norton his employer. Among the goods bro't home was a Gallon lamp oil from F.B. & Co's charged at 7/0 - said the article had risen to 6/0 at N.Y. Cheese made 15th weighed 52 lbs. Paid G.P. Harwood this evening towards wages \$4.54 cs - By order he purchased with our money 2 lbs good wool of Mrs Aaron Robinson at 50 c pr lb.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18 Very mild - even warm - clds from S. rained P.M. & eve. but not to great am't - particularly during P.M. Upper orch'd cleared of fruit & cows admitted therein, but suffered to remain only about 2 hours - during which they well improved the time in getting the rotten apples left on the gr'd., they were then turned back into the S. mesdow for remainder of the day. Secured beans by collecting & depositing the same in the barn - Resumed gathering fruit in C's orchd, but left it on acc't of rain. Leach filled & corn husked in the barn. Neighbor B's cattle broke through his part

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of the line fence into our enclosure. Geo drove them out & informed him of it. He engaged to see to it - seemed plagued with his farming business & said he would another year advertise his whole landed estate for sale. Rec'd this evening pr Hopkins a letter from J.A. Wight, dated Will's College, Wns'n Oct 11 in which he acknowledged rec't of mine of the 10th - not only grstified at hearing from me but greatly surprised at the lucre - now so far as it is concerned it comes very welcome to my present want, but so far as it comes as any compensation for anything - it comes unwelcome. however should make use of it, & consider himself obligated to refund it. As to H. Waters' letter, felt as though there was an apology due him for his trouble in procuring him the money - Goes on to give an account of his being shuffled out of his room - was



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finally located in one of the recitation rooms - had to make a sort of outfit in the purchase of stove, lamps, reflectors, wood &c. - for use of said room or furnishing or keeping it, the class would pay him at the end of the year \$12. College going well, prospects good. Had just been to Bridges' - cous Marg't had rec'd my letter - could not come yet at any rate at all. Must tell those girls, Ellen & Adeline, to look out for after breakers - and mother, that he did not remember the shirt - and Grand-Mother that he did not feel in tune for dispute - it being then 11 in the evening. Broke open letter to say if any of us came that way in waggon to fetch along an apple and a half - could not get one to whet his teeth upon. S.W.Daniels made cider for N.Norton here.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19 Clds were from S., on the chilly order - expected rain say after all it was mild. Nearly filled cart with the produce of C's orch'd - saved fruit in Litt. meadow - wound up days work in the N.E. corner of the orch'd on the right of the lane below the house - nearly filled the cart 2d time. Sylvanus W.Daniels completed making friend Norman's cider and cleared out. W.Bates commenced making for maj. Luman in the after part of the day - Seth Billington bro't on casks for Gov Tichenor, informed us of the Gov. having bargained a fat hog to Brad Godfrey at \$6 pr cwt. Satisfaction in reading papers this evening much clouded by drowsiness - Saw it mentioned among the foreign articles that the New Queen of Belgium lately came near losing her life by reason of her g horse taking fright and running away with her - horse stopped by a poorwaggoner who placed his vehicle across the road. Cheese made on the 17th reduced to 40 lbs - Sold to T.Kent  $\frac{1}{4}$  bhl salt & rec'd paym't 25 c in full.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20 Soft S. wind - cldy - grew warmer all day - great shower evening

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This day very nearly closed the business of collecting fruit. Besides what was designed for use in the house and a few to sell - there was an am't of say 450 lbs for making cider. William Bates assisted by David Sibley extracted a quantity of cider for L.Norton Esq who sent word that he would like to have a hhd filled up by us after putting in all the cider that could be obtained from his cheese - agreed to do it for cash pay. Hopkins was sent to mill early in the day - P.M. waited upon Ellen M.P. & our Adeline to James Buck's & to G.Potter's - saw Mrs Duncan & Eliza P., the latter far advanced in consumption. Ira B.Dewey arrived aft dark in the evening from Hoosick - the girls saw Granny E. - unwell & discontented. In the Spect. of Oct 8th is a curious article respecting the scholarship and other failures or failings of Gen. Jackson - Another Article from Williams' U.Gazetteer describing N.Y.City - in which there were 60,000 inhabitants - in the yr 1800 - in 1832 - 202 thous'd.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 Tolerably pleas't - growing cool with haziness & N. w'd. Had time to read papers a good deal - among other articles there was a smart Historical Review of Jackson's Administration - taken from the Boston Daily Advertiser & Patriot in which the Hero & his fellows are in my opinion very truly portrayed. Geo P., girls & Hopkins were at church all day - my old lady  $\frac{1}{2}$  day - gallanted by cous. N.L.Robinson who with wagg. made short call - returning borrowed buffaloe - making the request to have the privilege of having our



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last apple cheese to work over after we had done with it - in consideration of which should charge nothing for transportation of molasses hhd in Aug. last. Ira B. Dewey went away in the morning - paid him \$2. in money to apply on note. H. Waters with his lady came here late in the day. Hopkins & girls waited upon them home - visited B. Sears & lady - got news from friend in Old Stockbridge that wid. A. Waters had departed for Chenango Co with John Rewey to whom she was married on Wed. last on the road from Pittsfield to Troy - came to the latter place & paid respects to capt E. Waters & family - Uncle Ephraim Taylor of G. Barrington & his wife were in usual health - the cancer on that gentleman's nose growing worse, emitted bad smell.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 Great growling S.E. wind, ending P.M. in cold chilling rain, quite severe fore p't of the eve'g - Between 125 & 130 bbls apples were ground up and laid on press - but no pressing on acc't of storm. Major Luman's hhd was filled with cider which by actual measurement amt'd to 72 gall's or  $2\frac{1}{4}$  bbls. Stephen Jewett carted it off for him. Cows this

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this day permitted to graze in the old pasture - Cheese made 20th weighed 47 lbs - Last week's Gazette was bro't home by Hopkins in which the other side of the picture was awfully exhibited. A most terrible instance of U.S. Bank influence was described from the Washington Globe as happening in Philadelphia of late - with comments of the most inflammatory character. Mr Clay had to take it for inconsistency in opposing the Bank in 1811 and being for it in 1832 - He was called corrupt and passionate - Prospects of Jackson in the West - very fine - would get 85 votes, or all in that quarter. Governor Palmer would probably be elected again, and they predicted we should have an Antinasonic Jackson Senator appt'd. Since the first of the month had made upw'ds of 1000 w't of cheese. Two hhds were rinsed, fumigated with sulphur & placed in cellar ready to fill with cider.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 Cloudy, chilly, smoky, gloomy - w'd N. Expressing & running cider into those hhds made up the chief business. Mr Aus. Harmon Jr came to inquire respecting the character of the wife Orr W. Daniels as a dairy woman - It was pronounced good by my old lady for whom she made cheese in 1829. I should have been glad to have spoken with Mr H. but some little circumstances intervened to prevent me. Mr Daniels came down for his son Orrin & obtained an order from me on O. & A. Arnold, Troy, N.Y., for 10 bbls L. Island & 1 sack fine salt - added that I should have taken pleasure in forwarding the money therefor, but as my circumstances were, could not conveniently - mentioned first of Jan'y when pay would be rec'd for dairy, and then, if not sooner would square all up. Sent word by Mr D. to have Or. say if the price should be enhanced by waiting, I would forthwith send on the money. Gazette of the 22d rec'd & perused this evening - full of fine success of Jackson in Ohio & elsewhere - and full of Bank scare-crows. Mr Van Buren's reply to a Committee of North Carolinians was in this No some of it pretty good. Mrs Sally Harwood bo't of S.H. Brown 4 lbs common wool on cr at  $2/6$  pr lb. Pastures remarkably fresh at this time. This day 44 years of age - old age fairly stares me in the face.



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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24 Chilly morning, but on the whole moderate & fair, pleas't as to execution of business, cldy, hazy - Trees were nearly, with the exception of the apple, leafless - The cider press partially failed - much time taken up in remedying it. Father conveyed to J. Murphy 2 bbls cider for which pay was rec'd in full \$2.00 A few apples were given him for flat grate

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A 2d billet was left with As Harwood to Laurin Peck to return cider cask lent in June last. Bro't home cask left at the mill, 1 for Doolittle, 3 for Sanford, and grist from mill - In the evening my attention was mainly confined to Spectator of Oct 18 in which some of the charges respecting Bank corruptions were refuted - particularly in the case of the Hon John W. Taylor - The series of papers relating to the "Conduct of the Administration" from the Boston paper was continued. The story of the Barbecue at Lexington, K'y, was in this Spect. in which I imagine the opposition show too much of a notion to magnify small things into great ones, to exactly square up with my plain ideas.

THURSDAY, OCT. 25 Large frost in the morning - mud stiffened - thin ice over small pieces of water - w'd brisk from NW cldy in part - grew warm P.M. - came on pretty cold in the evening. Grinding apples with oxen was early commenced by Geo. & Hop's. Our friend H.H. Fassett forwarded 14 baskets apples pr Norman Daniels his man who gave assistance his team and self at grinding &c - P.M. same team came again & carried off 3 bbls cider sold to s'd Fassett at \$1. had previously rec'd  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bbls on acct of apples just mentioned. J. Loomis Jr by same conveyance forwarded a fine N.E. Rum hhd to be filled for him. Sylvanus W. Daniels made call A.M. along with his friend Cyrus Cone - complained of ill health - They pushed for the woods to hunt - P.M. s'd Dan's waggoned wood past here for friend Norman N. up street. Aunt Sarah Robinson hon'd us with a visit - talked much respecting Col raine people among whom herself & husb'd had lately enjoyed a fine visit. Towards eve'g rec'd a call from Mr Duncan who said his daughter was failing very fast. Fixing casks gave employm't considerably to father & me - the former felt very impatient in regard to our affairs. Cider press rec'd further repairs. Hopkins staid out of school to assist at grinding apples. Married in the morning of the 24th Mr Herroon of Cambridge, N.Y. to Miss Julia Hicks - daughter of James H. Esq of this town. Died on the 24th at 3 A.M. the wife of our friend David Ruttenbur, daughter of the late Capt Wilbur Blackmer - aged 32.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26 Frozen as solid as adamant this morning - held on chilly all day - tolerably fair - comfortable for lively business. Came off mild in the evening - Cider & casks gave us full employm't. Four casks contain'g 149 gallons were filled with cider & sent pr B. Harw'd to G.R. Sanf'd & by same conveyance

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a new hhd lettered on one of the heads in capitals handsomely painted "Pure N.E. Rum" - T. Rich" was filled for & sent to J. Loomis Jr - the guage mark was 123 g's - we put in our capt Pliny guage by which measured 125 do. Aunt Sarah left on foot this morning for home. Sally with Diadamia late in the day visited our cousin Eliza Potter whom they found more comfortable than on Saturday when our girls saw her - Early eve'g our friend Chatfield made call - assisted at milking as usual.



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SATURDAY, OCT. 27 Rough w'd & clds from S. chilly - expected rain without getting more than mere sprinkling - tow'd eve'g w'd hauled round N.W. - 160 baskets apples ground by oxen. Reub Kent worked for us this day, rec'd 25 c's therefor. Two hhds were filled with cider in the dairy house cellar - many things executed & looked to which it is not essential to enumerate - Past 3 P.M. off with E.M. Parsons & daughter for Hoosick - Went down Line hill and to Russell's on foot - halted here & viewed 30 hogs, or rather had a glimpse at them, were fattening the same on potatoes. Mr Raymer of the Corners also halted to see said hogs which he said were the best he had seen the present season. By invitation rode beside him in 1 h. wagg. - had 17 ewes, yearlings, which he had selected for his own use out of Hollenbeck flock half blooded Saxon - driven by a gentleman on foot - gave \$1.75 pr h'd. Discoursed very freely with him - His father formerly owned a large landed property in the N. part of Pittstown - particularly the mills & adjoining grounds at the Village bearing his name - broke down by lending his name incautiously to his friends - had removed to one of the extreme Western counties of N.Y. State - his brother who had become security for Southworth & Brown to me, had joined two other brothers in the same place - bo't 100 acres land - calculated on setting up a store another year. We rode along in this moderate kind of way, keeping the ewes in front, to the Village where I alighted and thanked him for the ride - he bade me welcome & proceeded forward on his own business. The girls came up about the same mom't - halted while I called at the house of Southworth & Brown to see respecting cheese - Southworth gone to the City of N.Y. - would return next week - I took seat in my own vehicle once more - arrived at the Falls after dark. Henry gone to singing school - disposed of mare & wagg. in suitable manner - took supper - conversed with the folks - read Spect of Oct 22 in which there was much good anti-Jackson news - Continuation of the Essays on the Conduct of the Administration. H. came home tow'ds the close of the eve'g - joined Burtus in playing music. Cousin Andrew came over with the coat made by him for Mr Heatt designed for me

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the young folks were pretty lively - all hands sat up until past 10.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28 Scowling November weather - cold searching N. wind - gloomy, gloomy - winter coming on. Attended to Spect. in the morning - aft. breakfast walked with Henry and Mr Godfrey a new boarder of theirs over to the New Factory which was viewed in every department - not yet prepared for running by a good deal - water-wheel finished, pieces of machinery or mill work lay about in different parts - upper story next to ground pastured - did not expect to get it in motion until sometime in Jan - Fine, grand building - 100 ft long - say 40 wide - 4 stories high above the basement - next viewed newly invented machine for making cider - liked it pretty well - next paid respects to new store which was finished only in part - shelves set up on the E. side - lastly glanced at the new brick boarding house going up under direction of the Tremont Factory Company - Recrossed the river - called on cousin Cornelius Stone, who with his people were well - wife gone to meeting - We spoke of many persons and events in a few minutes including Bennington Battle in which his father took part, himself being then only about 5½ yrs of age - living with his parents in Bennington at the tanyard formerly owned by Boardman, next by Street & Gove, then by S. & lastly by T.C.P. Invited cousins to visit us - said they would - Returned to Henry P's - but previous to being at cousin S's had



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been into the machine shop of Gen'l S. Parsons & Wilder - all in prosperous train. Paid respects to Mr Hewett and settled with him for making coat, cutting pantaloons & vest - bill \$5.44, but on consideration of ready pay, instead of waiting until Jan., took off 25 cs - receiving in full \$5.18 - leaving Hewett's came to H. Parsons' - saw Seth, Hiel & 2 other gentlemen who were engaged on Politicks moderately - Saw a Jackson Convention Address in pamphlet form with the Hro's head imprinted there on. Returned to cousin Henry's - copied recipe for preserving beef & hams - wrote letter to Southworth & Brown - to know when they would take the remainder of the dairy, stating that I wanted to make out six casks cheese to them which would require 6 or 8 cheeses made the present week - should put them in as belonging to the contract unless objected to by them. Settled in good friendship with Mrs Parsons for tailoring & stuff supplied for vest 3/0 Y. - in all \$2.62½. Henry owed for potted cheese \$2.75 - leaving in my favor 12½, which was put over to another day - Agreed to pot more cheese - Redeiving friendly assistance from Henry started off about 3 P.M. - left letter at Corners - got home half an hour aft. sunset - found friend T.C.P. here. H. Waters & sister Lydia here in early eve'g

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 Frosty, cold toe-aching morning - gave way after a while to mildness & moderation. Attending to cider & gathering the last of our apples found us in business. P.M. rode with wife to E. Bennington - executed much light business in haste - Manchester met & informed me he would yet buy one of our fatted hogs - said Deacon Winslow wanted another - Saw T. Hills at Aus. B. & Co's - did not want cider, having already engaged it - Capt H. would have 2 casks of it - forward them on the morrow - Drove to Voluntine's - left small bunch of wool to be carded at the end of 2 days - Saw J. Norton & his son Ed'd - former nor latter knew nothing of Doolittle's cask - so had to go up to grist-mill & from that to his house where he lay indisposed - to inquire into the matter - He had transacted his business with Mc Ewen, N's partner - who was now absent at N.Y. purchasing goods - was put in a way to obtain the thing & did, it was a good 2 bbl brandy cask. Called at & traded at Aus B's & Co's \$1.76 in 1 lb tea, 1 qt F. Brandy, 5 pts old St C. rum. R. Booth & many more were in - Aus. & clerk full of business - Mr B. said he was 59 yrs of age - Got home aft. sunset - Evening G.P. & self cut up June cheese weighing 75 lbs 6 oz - made 28 June - ready for potting. Two pts said rum were severally put to 2 hhd cider in the home cellar. Married this morning by the Rev'd E.H. Hooker Mr Fenton, merchant of Dorset, to Miss Louisa eldest daughter of Judge L. Norton of this town. The young couple started immediately for N.Y. City - had the misfortune to wreck their carriage in the Parsons Hollow - proceeded afterwards in the Judge's waggon.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30 Fine day after a frosty morning - Last of our making cider - little more than 150 baskets apples including Gov T's 50 bbls were ground - Gov rec'd 4-1/3 bbls cider for his part, we charging him nothing for the making. S.W. Dan's drew wood past here up street this eve'g, called in if I mistake not. Reuben Kent worked here this day. Potting cheese was carried on by Geo & me in the evening.



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WED. OCTOBER 31 Fine & warm like summer - S.w'd - some moaky -

A goodly quantity of cider was expressed from the last grinding & much of it carried away - 1 bbl to J.Morton - 1 do to T.Kent, 1 do to H.Waters - 2 to capt E.Hills, 2 to H.Deming,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  to I. Doolittle - His big cask was conveyed to his house along with the other but his roll-way or entrance into his cellar being too small to admit it - G.had to return to J.Norton's store where it was stored by order of Doolittle - said it was not the cask he purchased of McEowen. Ladies boiled away 1 bbl cider.

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In the evening we proceeded with our potting - filled 1 pot - Procured Spect of Oct 22 in which is inserted Gov Schultz's letter respecting the incapacity & unfitness of Gen'l Jackson for the Presidency. Mr Marsh of Hawley, Mss., vender of wooden wares rec'd entertainment here this eve'g - very precise in the use of language - friend of Mr Wirt ~~for~~ for President. Our old friend John Harwood was employed on his shoe bench, much to our benefit & satisfaction. Ira B.Dewey tarried with us, having ended his services at Sweets' in Hoosick, not however without some few words of discord to wind up with - Left him about a week previous to coming here. H.C.Germann disapp'd him of a place to drive team.

THURSDAY, NOV. 1 Contin'd remarkably mild & summer like until eve'g when it rained slightly - wd from S. grew strong, cldy, very smoky. Cider affairs were properly looked after - 1 bbl got down cellar - some husking done. Geo P. worked the P.M. for N.Norton with S.W.Dan's paying in full borrowed work, excepting team work. Our wooden dish man departed after paying his bill, 50 cs in kind. This eve'g O.W.Daniels arrived with 10 bbls coarse T.I. & 1 sack fine salt - bill from Arnold's, Troy, amt'd to \$8.63 On Wednesday Mrs Caroline Kendrick from Troy & boy with her sister Mrs Coffin paid our ladies a fore noon visit. The latter was very lively & full of jokes. The eve'g of this first of Nov. was devoted principally to paring apples - assistance being rendered by the following persons, towit:- Wid. Eunice Kent, Tho's & Reuben Kent, Henry Warren & wf and his brother Charles. Orin bro't with him his wife & sister Azubah who tarried a part of the eve'g

FRIDAY, NOV'R 2d Great roaring N.wind flying clds - chilly air. Husking corn at the heap made up our main employm't. Finished potting the great June 75 lb cheese of which there were  $13\frac{1}{2}$  lb do put down in the pot mentioned 19th April last - took out the remainder of that, about 10 lbs, and aft. putting down the other, it was again returned into the same. Our fr'd Harwood contin'd laboring successfully on his bench. I.B.Dewey left this morning for Maj L.Norton's where he calculated to work for a few days at 3/0 per day for James Pitts Godfrey Must make record of 2 big pots - that calculated for Henry Parsons - weighed  $18\frac{3}{4}$  lbs - the other  $18\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 3 Fine, rather chilly, w'd N. Contin'd husking corn. Mr J.Har'd finished shoemaking & was off by noon.

Sam'l Loomis with

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his youngest borother, Bliss, made a short call in the field where we were at work. Many questions were put to the latter which he answered very promptly which want of time & paper wholly forbid the idea of men-



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tioning in this Jour'l. Was now going to return to his residence in Otto, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. - Had no children - married six years since to Miss Betsey Champney of this town - Doing well on a new farm - S. Loomis said he should probably buy 3 of our cows about the first Dec'r next. Cousin N.L. Robinson came on to express his water cider. Young A. S. Hyde with his young friend Foote came to the press, drank some cider - staid awhile & as'd cous. N.L. at screwing - they had been a hunting it seems - N.L. performed this business chiefly by moonlight. It was ascertained that during the month of Oct. there had been made from the milk of 31 cows - 160 lbs cheese as it came from the press.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4 Dull, thick, hazy, warm, some rainy, little smoky. For fear of rain a great load cornstalks was carted in after which G.P. & our children rode to church together. I perused Sir Water Scott's acc't of the Great Battle of Bannockburn fought on the 24 June, 1314, between the English under Ed'd 11d and the Scott's under Robert Bruce - in which the former suffered a most signal defeat. Read Webster's Speech against the Administration at Worcester before the Massachusetts N. Rep. Convention 12th Oct - good & full of truth in my humble opinion. Miss Lydia Harwood, Mrs D. Waters & child were here an hour or two ab't noon. Ira B. Dewey was also a guest here a part of the day - likewise Sylvanus W. Daniels - and in the eve'g in very friendly & sociable way and style, B.R. Sears & lady. Late in the day put in the hands of I.B. Dewey two dollars in Bennington bills to hand to Maj L. Norton for tow'd Spectator, N.Y. paper.

MONDAY, NOV'R 5 Cloudy, moderately chilly - some smoky - w'd N. Very busy all hands husking corn at the heap, having first unloaded the cart of the stuff mentioned above - Friend Chatfield came up from Algiers and unburthened his mind to us. I strongly recommended to him the practice of temperance & industry as a wholesome remedy for the hypo. He agreed with me that my advice was good, but hardly imagined himself possessed of resolution to be up to it - dined & went away. Sylvanus W.D. & I.B. Dewey came here in the evening - tarried awhile and then drove off the cow called "Louisa" for N. Norton to keep over night in order to see and know whether they would purchase her - If they concluded affirma

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tively would hold on - if otherwise she would be returned by letting her into our pasture. Price \$12. Had fed the beast more or less with potatoes ever since Oct 1 which had caused her to be in fine condition. Henry Warren & lady were here early in the evening. Hopkins & Adeline late in the day rode to Algiers on a small errand. Read some of Peter's History of Connecticut in which mention is made of this State under the name of Vermont - its early settle'm't & difficulties with N.Y.. Read Gov. Palmer's speech to the Legislature of Vt which agreed well with my sentiments in regard to the Militia & the renewal of charter of U.S.B'k There were the doings also of a great Jackson Convention at Montpelier in the Gazette of Oct 30. Thank fortune Vt is anti-Jackson. B. Swift, Senator. We were greatly bothered with keeping M. Morrison's cider for him.



TUESDAY, NOV. 6 Cold S.E. storm - rained very moderately during A.M. - nor did it increase much until evening - and then not great excepting high winds - Early there was some hail & snow - Secured all unhusked corn on hand say 52 stokes - by placing it on the barn floor & in the stables - cleared the field of everything ready for pasturing cows therein - Geo P. drew rails for fencing stack. P.M. father & self rode up street - thinking it the day for choosing Rep. to Cong. but found ourselves under mistake - spent some time at printing office - heard Col Merrill & H. Kellogg talk much of the Federalists, Foreigners holding large shares in the B. of the U.S. without paying taxes thereon - mentioning the late election of Benj'n Swift Senator from Vt - making 2 Fed S's at the same time - a case without a parallel in the Hist. of this State - secession of Martin Chittenden from Jacksonism - Col M. glad of it - supposed him insincere - I said to him that I thought he never claimed federalists in the J. party - do not exactly recollect the reply - not very important. Friend S. Wadsworth came down also much on the same acc't we did. Mr Kellogg partly engaged to buy pork of us at \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$  - at the same rate bargained 2 hogs to Wm Haswell, money in hand or note drawing int - W'm & his brother, as I tho't him to be, were sorting corn at a great heap, which he bo't of Giles Jewett & heirs - Would take his pork on the 24th. At the P. Off. rec'd letter from friends at Lock Port, N.Y. dated Oct 28 or 29 - no time now to say much respecting it - Little Annis yet alive but in most distressed condition. By Mr Lyman rec'd very good letter from J.A. Wight - contents very pleasing - cant stop to notice it here - Evening almost exclusively devoted to writing reply to him. G.P. put up box apples for him.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7 North w'd - flying clds - chilly. Stack fenced - cows let into N. mead - Big kettle set by father & Geo - rough anti-masonry

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Hog butchered & dressed - assisted by S.W. Daniels while his team was baiting - had our oxen to put with Norman's in bringing from his lot a large l'd of wood to town - hog weighed 308 lbs - handsome pork - cut up by friend Geo P. This morning deposited box apples for Wight at Mr G's with request to have it deliv'd to the driver of the South'n Stage, who by direction on box would deliv'r it to keeper of Hotel at Williams town. Mr G. broached a very serious subject - touching his character which I may notice another day. There was a false representation of what I had said, which I boldly denied - owned what I had said - which amounted to no more than repeating the reports of others which I gave evidence to as coming from good authority, which authority he tried to get from me, but it was strenuously withheld - said if he could find out the person, he would whip him stoutly let him be whom he would - and he would make the party smart in law. Mrs H. performed washing here this day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 8 Solidly frozen in the m'g - pretty cold like unto Nov. through the day - First wldy, but in the main pleas't. Stones were collected in part for covering ditch below the undertrough water-trough - s'd ditch was dug - this made our chief business. Calvin Fay drew wood for his father past here - Pork cut up on the 7th - packed this evening.



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FRIDAY, NOV'R 9 Tolerably pleasant - some cldy - Good doings for the season. Ditch stoned up & cov'd the distance of about 4 rods. M. Manchester came to see me this morning respecting pork - I felt rather foolish since having bargained those two hogs to Wm Haswell - even told him he might have his at the same rate if he would wait until the 24th - said he wanted it to-morrow - if so I insisted on having \$6. pr cwt - which he readily assented to - whiced me to come down to arrange business with Mr T. Davis - told him I would - set off for E. Bennington - transacted much business - failed of finding rolls at Voluntine's - Bargained cider & apples to Cady & Holmes of the Red Factory - hog to Harry Norton at \$6 - took an assurance from Mr T. Davis that he would provide for the payment of \$18 tow'd Manchester's pork - Rec'd cask to fill with cider for J. Sharp - had grinding of rye at the mill - Returned home early eve'g - found the young colt had strayed off - grumbled much - with Hopkins after supper rode out in wagg. in pursuit of him - Made call at N. Norton's - arranged to have Sylvanus to help butcher hogs - Maj Iuman said he had seen such a colt, saw him follow Mr Allen's horse off as far as the brook S. of his house Major visiting a mom't at Norman's. In this man

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ner we proceeded calling at many houses quite round to Algiers where we were at pains to enquire at Allen & Safford's store - he had been seen & was known to have been near wid. Eldad Dewey's, but on arriving at & calling there - nothing of him was seen or heard at present - but early in the evening such a beast had been seen - Gave him up - coming home contentedly without him - when lo, the little fellow discovered himself neighing earnestly on the Green in front of Hicks' - followed us home quietly. Borrowed Sanf'd & Brown's Pat. Balances. At the grist mill saw & conversed with our friend Isaac Hudd who said he had lately made a tour to the W. as far as Rochester, N.Y., related many interesting particulars - Saw a cousin of mine - son of Ebenezer Harwood - said his mother and surviving members of his family were in good health - owned no land there - calculated on going to Michigan next Summer - Pres't residence of the family Greece on or near the River Genesee - sent compliments to us. With my old neighbor, friend & schoolfellow John Norton, spent a few precious moments talking of the swiftness of Time & on Masonry, Anti-Masonry, Jacksonism, &c., in which we perfectly agreed. Bo't  $\frac{1}{2}$  gall. not very good molasses, price 19 c booked at Aus B. & Co's. Saw Asahel Booth there who had just returned from the City of N.Y. - gave his opinion from what he had learned that Judge Marcy would lose his election. Capt Hill was also there - made some remarks indicative of hatred to the Hero.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10 Pleas't for November and too there were clds & some little specks of snow flying late in the morning. Two hogs were butchered & handsomely dressed by S.W. Dan's assisted by G.P. Harw'd - s'd hogs weighed 334 & 252 lbs - the former allotted to Manchester, the latter to Henry Norton - the same with cider & apples were loaded in the 2 h. wagg. ready for Algiers. Accomp'd by Hopkins H after looking up hat, mittens & books, fetting much in the bargain, proceeded forward. Deliv'd pork to Manchester who was up to his agreement in every respect - paying punctually \$2.04 money, for the remainder took Mr Tho's Davis' note due 51 days after date, \$18. Deliv'd to J. Sharp 48 g's cider for which rec'd in paym't  $13\frac{1}{2}$  lbs handsome brown sugar - and to Holmes & Cady of the Red Factory deliv'd cider & apples,



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including 1 cask, amounting to \$3, which they paid in money. Lent cask to the former gent. Sharp appeared to be full of company of a loose kind of character - Mr Davis had

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a shop full of hands. Henry Norton was not at home. Saw his lady - my friend Charles Bowker assisted in carrying in the pork which was next in order to the deliv'y of Manchester's. The expedition was fortunate and profitable - and in coming home, besides meeting cous. N.L.Rob. in E.Village, who mentioned wanting those cows bargained to O.W.Dan's - saw J.Hubbell Esq busy on McAdam road - finding some fault with T.Kent for being afraid of doing too much for good pay - had gravelled a part of said road contrary to Doolittle's mind - but much to the liking of almost everybody else - myself inclusive. Said Doolittle had remarked that H. & others were so full of Jacksonism they would do as they were a mind to as he supposed. Mr H. told me his age - 51 - Oct 7 17 - Made

short call at H.Waters' while Hopk's went to the P.O. to procure a very neat Album, presented by Mr Wight by the hand of Mr Lyman, to Adeline. Rec'd small quantity of borrowed flour and reached home by about sunset or a little after. Commenced setting milk preparatory to making butter. We had engaged to D.Rob. Jr., H.Waters & F.Blackmer 150 lbs of that precious article, and father & mother were very fearful that we should fail of fulfilling that engagement - I was pretty strongly of an opposite opinion. Our friend W.S.Southworth paid his respects to us - felt as if the approaching election was all important - good men ought every one to attend - Gov. Tichenor had given up the Union as lost. Geo P. spent the P.M. husking corn for Sylv. W.Dan's in N.Norton's field. I.B.Dewey came up in the evening to spend the night with us. Saw Benj'n Webb & others busy in the erection of a new horse shed - running from the S.E. corner of the Meeting-house to the hearse house consisting of stalls - at a cost of \$180 - in the hands of proprietors. Met Eben Chase in E.Village, who appeared much worn down - had been sick & confined to his bed 4 months - now being the first of his getting out - Dr Swift & Dr Chandler had given him over as having the consumption - said he was poor creature and must soon die - complained of being wronged out of 1500 doll's of his father's estate - Estimated quite too high I presume. Hopkins was sent to Voluntine's - all made right, got our own rolls.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 11      Calm & comparatively pleas't with faint chilling N. wind cldy & near night remarkably dark on acc't of some thick clds passing over. Passed the day much as usual. Past noon took a walk to the S. end of the farm with father - pastures cropt pretty short - remained remarkably green - Perused in a careless way "Tales of a Grandfather", also a Chapt'r in Acts 24th. Rec'd visit late in the day from Benj. R. Sears. Or W.Dan's sent me word per S.W.D.

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two doll's which I had lent him a short time since with a Y.sixpence which I did not require - nevertheless kept it. Thomas Kent rec'd 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs April cheese at 7" per lb tow'd which p'd 25 cs - remainder chgd on book. Roughly ascertained that we had made upw'd of 13000 lbs cwt green cheese the present season.

MONDAY, NOV'R 12      Calm & pleas't, some few clds from the S. G.P. got 1d  $\frac{1}{2}$  tan bark from Hills & Co. Tannery which was placed about the watering trough to guard against frost - Father husked corn



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at the heap - I had a hand in casking 32 cheeses, including 4 made early in Oct - say from 1st to 12th - The whole together weighed, by the aforementioned balances, 1631 lbs - amounting, at 6 cs, to (\$97.86) \$97.86 - add 1/3 for casks, \$2.04, making a bill of \$99.90 - The first parcel cheese - 7760 lbs, amt'd to \$465.60 - to which add \$97.86 and it comes up to \$563.46, then included for casks for the whole, \$12.12 & the bill stands thus, \$575.58. S.W.D's came here this evening - called himself a Clay man, but hardly felt as if he should attend Election - L. Jewett came over this P.M. to borrow flail for Getty to thresh seed wheat for him, which he was going to purchase of neighbor Brown - Mentioned having procured a Teacher of School from White Creek, N.Y., a Mr Wheeler - descendant from Mr Jo Niles, Shaftsbury. I find myself in correct respecting my statement am't of bill against Southworth & Brown 93 Y. shillings comes to \$11.62 $\frac{1}{2}$  - then the other 91 lbs leaves so small a fraction that it may be set at \$11.75 which being added to \$563.46 amt's to \$575.21"

TUESDAY, NOV'R 13 Very fine for the season - roads remarkably hard & dry. We worked our road a few rods W. of the house Corn was husked at the barn - cheese made &c - Mr Getty & Mr Wright his son-in-law ground apples at our cider mill from the orch'd of S.H.B. P.M. all hands attended Election of Presidential Electors & Memb. of Congress. This last to serve out Mr Hunt's Term. Votes stood as I was informed - For Hall - Anti-Jackson, 200 - for Merrill, Jackson, 171. It was conjectured by those who professed to know something of the public feeling that the former would undoubtedly gain the election. The Jackson men appeared to feel very much on account of the great majorities obtained for their tickets in N.York, Pennsylvania, Ohio & other states. Paid back to M. Morrison \$2. paid over by him some days in advance for cider which he did not have because he refused coming after it

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Got him & Capt Hicks' together to see if they would agree respecting the pay for use of cider mill & press in the fall of 1828 - By direction of the former I had charged one-half to the latter - the whole being 14 bbls at 0/6 - \$1.17n- 58" a piece - Capt H. said he never agreed to do so - M. said he did - So it ended. Got an assurance from M. that I should get my pay - not very soon I imagine. Bargained the Judd cow to N.L. Robinson at \$11 - Note with int. 6 months. To pay my present demand when he should make sale of the beef of said cow. Paid 50 cts for plough p't to old Mr Grover - bo't in Aug't or Sept. last Paid 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  cts to P.M. for postage on Annis Stones' last letter.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 14 Cold - rather winterish - tolerably fair P.M. Husking corn at the heap on barn floor was attended to. G.P. with oxen & mare executed the plowing of  $\frac{1}{2}$  ab acre of sward ground for Sam. Chandler - the old gentleman diver. This P.M. J. Starin Esq accomp'd by another gent. came to examine our herd of cows to see if he could find one that would suit him to feed - he could not at the price I set - so withdrew. A cheese that would weigh not far short of 40 lbs was this day made & put in the press. Eve'g Geo. & Hopkins went to mill - Alg's - got new corn gr'd - no wheat nor flour for sale at the mill - H. Waters bo't the last on hand this morning.



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THURSDAY, NOV'R 15 Winter in good earnest - very thin snow on gr'd.

Cold cutting wind from N. light showers of snow hanging round the E. M'ts - thret'g angry clouds. Finished husking the corn which lay on the barn floor. Attended to cous. Levi Smedley' Jun, lady & little girl whose stay was short - they came up on Tuesday to enter their daughter Eliza at Mr Ballard's Boarding house ready to begin attendance at the Seminary the present term which opened this day. We enjoyed a very sociable little visit - talked over many every day kind of subjects - S. among the rest said that Williamstown at the last election voted Jackson - never had before. The girl mentioned above is their youngest - say 8 yrs of age - named Julia. Sold this day to Orr W. Daniels the cow called "Mary" - 11 yrs old - for \$12. Rec'd his note due 1st Feb'y next with interest. Said cow was of nearly a black colour with remarkably white face, pretty regular horns - full middling as to quantity of milk which the quality of was excellent - Bo't her with another called "Brassy" of Randall James, Hoosick, N.Y., April 1827. Good size, square, well built, short legged, heavy h'd quarters. Mr Hiram Twiss came to see the Pratt cow which he liked pretty well - we nearly made a bargain - he to pay 65 rennets and \$3.75 more. I said I would see the property first/ G.P. had bad cold. Getty & Wright attending to cider. W.Smed. staid on Tues. eve'g or night at Mr Loomis'

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Mrs D. Waters & child were here most of the day. Mrs executed washing for her - No rain water up street - Returned home at night. Adeline got home from attending Singing School on Wednesday night. Bo't singing book on my acc't at Sanf'd & Brown's.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 16 Firmly frozen in the morning - searching S. wind - pretty fair - much less cold in the eve'g than in the m'g - Cleared barn floor of corn & stalks - had threshed nearly 4 bhls wheat which was prepared for carrying to mill next day. Churning on a large scale first came on this evening. Hopkins gallanted Adeline up street to attend an eve'g party - Getty & Elihu Wright heated cider to thaw out their cheese which had got pretty sound by frozen over night Yesterday morning a fox was shot by Major L. Norton - somewhere in our neighborhood.

SATURDAY, NOV'R 17 Thick clds constantly rising from S. or S.W. - Commenced raining early in the evening - Air wonderfully softened down - the S. wind played up lively - the rain came opportunely. GP.P. husked corn on the hill for S.W.D's - father at his own heap. I was deputed to go with little more than 4 bhls wheat to Doolittle's mill where in the course of two or three hours it was ground to order - Hopkins accomp'd me. Sent pr a stranger a line to Southworth & Brown informing them of having casked & weighed 1631 lbs cheese ready for them - See Nov 12 - Saw Luman Sherwood who said his father & family were well - they were making pork from 12 hogs - expected to get \$6 per hund - Sold 500 cwt wool to J. Voluntine at 50 cs pr lb - Paid my carding bill, 37½" to the clerk or man of Voluntine 6 lbs wool - his charge was but 36 cs. Called on Jed Dewey, conversed on Masonry, Anti Mason'y & Politicks - Rec'd payment in full for 209 feet basswood board delivered 16th Sept 1831 - \$2.12½ At Aus. B. & CO's store bo't on cr 4½ yds tow cloth at 25c - Saw at s'd store T.Hills, S.Weeks, Ja's Hubbell, John Simpson, Esq'r Thayer Jun & others. Hands were employed in raising the roof of the Methodist Stone Church. Bargained the Pratt



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cow to Hiram Twiss at \$15 - rec'd in part paym't \$ 65 rennets at 15 cs remainder to be paid on delivery of the cow - 1st of December - to be driven by us. Arrived from E.Bennington in season to assist at milking After dark this eve'g S.W.Dan's and Till Jun'r drove off for O.W.D. the cow called "Mary". See Nov 15.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 18 Great warm rain - Muddy, cloudy, w'd S. Spent a part of the day reading the Bible - 7th St Mark - Index - Hist. of Bel. & The Dragon &c. Rec'd visit from cous. N.L.Robinson who related the story of Mrs Ray - formerly Miss Polly Doty - who with her family removed from N. Adams, Massachusetts, more than 1 year since - to the N. part of Bennington.

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I.B.Dewey, S.W.Daniels & cous N.L.Robinson supped with us. On the 6th inst 2 letters were rec'd - the one from cousins Lucy Sears and Annis Stone, the other from friend J.A.Wight. In the former much just complaint was entered against us for not writing - fears were entertained that we had forgotten them - must lose no time in giving an answer. ThO't then I would attend to it immediately - some considerations made me put it over thus far. Friend W. entertained us in a kind of pleasant ironical style, which he appears to be up to in all his letters - Had not rec'd, excepting from Mr Bridges & family, that friendly usage he thought himself entitled to from the inhabitants whom he seemed to think fancied themselves under a moral obligation to grind the students Gave up boarding with them altogether & set up for himself in College as about 30 others were also doing - did not cost him more than 50 cs pr wk. He went on to describe his situation & the variety of employment with which he was occupied - rendering his epistle very interesting. Many questions were asked respecting the cows & how we got along with our business - to which I replied as minutely and correctly as my clumsy abilities would allow me to - Had in something of Jacksonism & many notions too numerous & light to write over again. See Nov 6 - Oct 18.

MONDAY, NOV'R 19 Had been very foggy over night & continued so until a late hour this morning - stuck to the mountain tops about all day - clouds flying swiftly from the S - commenced raining again in the evening - warm. Those rennets mentioned on Saturday were with the exception of 3 green ones, snugly packed, bows inclusive, in fine salt in a keg which was headed up water tight & placed safely for the winter in the shed loft. At the barn beans were threshed out - stables mostly cleared for use - I.B.Dewey gave assistance in the morning - P.M. he visited town - improved the opportunity to notify W. Haswell Esq in writing that he might expect his pork on Friday next in lieu of Saturday as had been talked of and that I should want my money at said time. Manure was hoed up in the N.milking yard and left in ridges - the same was begun in the S. yard, but discontinued for want of time. Paid to cous. Ira this day \$2 in money. Eve'g rec'd N.Y.Spect of Nov 12 - Jacksonism successful almost everywhere - politicks dry - Foreign news occupied a considerable space - some fighting in Portugal. Don Miguel had rather the best prospect. Sir Walter Scott's funer'l was largely attended some day in Sept. I think ~~Sept~~ 23d. His son, bearing his name and title, besides his father's ample estate, had acquired by marriage a large fortune - Occupied a military post in the Army - 32 y'rs of age.



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TUESDAY, NOV'R 20 Stormy enough in the morning - at first fine misty rain which ended in snow that continued falling unt<sup>il</sup> past noon. Pretty heavy wind from N., came off clear & cold, freezing hard at night. Stabled as many cows as we could, all were well fed, besides the care of these a quantity of corn was husked. Became very anxious to know the cause of Southworth & Brown's delay in taking off the last parcel of cheese. Spent a part of the eve'g reading Gen Pillets' England. Assisted Geo & our Hopk's in catching fowls which they snugly confined the hen roost. Ira B.D. was employed nearly all day in hunting up his young mare which at last he found at the barn of David Weeks Jun's - stabled the same in our shed over-night. S'd Ira had very wet feet.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 21 The morning air was like winter, ground frozen solid - in the course of the day it became pleas't with a sly chilliness. Our snow was inconsiderable, nevertheless covered all grazing lands & grain fields so that it was as necessary to fodder cattle as if winter had been upon us a month or more. One of the casks of cheese put up for Southworth & B. was this morning opened & examined and found in good order & we had the satisfaction of delivering it, that is, 5 casks, 1631 lbs exclusive of tare, to a Moosick team pr verbal order - this P.M., thus making up quantity to them, Lbs. 9391, which at 6-1/3 doll's pr cwt am'ts to \$575.21". All the cheese press apparatus, & the two presses, being first dismantled, were carefully laid away, not to be disturbed until another season - hoops, followers, blocking &c with sink & rack in one of the grain bins wagg. shed - benches under the shed lower side of the dairy house and beams with the levers on the under-pinning E. side or end of wagg. shed. A sort of cow shed was erected E. side of end of wagg. shed. A sort of cow shed was erected W. side of the S. barn yard by Grand Father & G.P. while I was gone with cous. N. L. Robinson to drive off the Judd cow for which took his note with int. 6 months, \$11. While waiting for me to shave he had a hand in removal of presses. At aunt Sarah's, while they were getting supper, perused a few pages of Cook's Voyages - near the close of his life at Owhyhee - 1779 - Short notice of our countryman Ledyard who in 1786 undertook the perilous attempt to cross on foot the Eastern Continent, Behring Strait thence to the Atlantic coast E. side of America. The jealous Catherine arrested & most shamefully abused him after he had proceeded into Siberia - In distress ret'd to Eng'd. Supped with aunt & cousins Nathan & Emily - came up the hill in haste - saw

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uncle Sam'l Rob., F. Kelly & somebody else dressing beef for W. Haswell - with the last had a few words of conversation. At print'g office found Hopk's waiting with waggon to carry me home. At J. Loomis' rec'd \$3.87½ in money in full for cider - saw the man feeding some handsome young hogs which he designed to butcher first of Jan when he supposed five would yield him 1200 pork. At Hicks' saw a young man named Northup to whom was counted in the presence of J. Hicks' Jr \$6.75 which he was requested to deliver to Mr Daniel Fuller, it being pay in full for making cheese casks. See Sept. Came home & enjoyed the eve'g very quietly - Cows were not milked - first omission of the kind the pres't season. The death of Charles Carroll of Carrolton, the last of the Signers of the Dec. of Ind. 1776 was announced in our paper of yesterday - aged 95 if I mistake not.



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THURSDAY, NOV'R 22d Low dark clds - a trifle of snow cov'd the ground which in the morning was frozen in certain places - w'd S. grew warmer & rained most of the after part of the day - seriously rainy in the eve'g. Cider press cleared - 2 loads manure carted into the N. meadow below the N. orch'd - corn husked at the heap - Father complained of bad cold. Preparation made for butchering next day. S.W. Daniels talked of buying the cow called "Gourd-handle", was employed in transporting wood to town for N. Norton. I.B. Dewey ret'd here this P.M. not fully determined where he should locate himself - assisted cheerfully at milking this stormy muddy eve'g. H. Waters & lady leav'g little Lyd. at our house, made an unsuccessful visit to Mr G. Bennett's, Pow'l, Old Squire Noble Place - see & hire Mrs Grey to do house work - already engaged.

FRIDAY, NOV'R 23d Right one of your back, cldy, sloppy Nov. days. Chilly yet warm enough to thaw - Four hogs were butchered & handsomely dressed for us by S.W. Daniels & G.P. Harwood, besides 2 others belonging severally to N. Norton & Tho's Kent - the last mentioned lent a hand as well as I.B. Dewey in said business. The two fatted weighed together lbs 677 $\frac{3}{4}$  - late in the day deliv'd to W. Haswell Esq at \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$  - being an am't of \$37.28, to be paid when called for. Our uncle S. Robinson & F. Kelly assisted in unloading & carrying in the same. Cous. Ira and the boy Hopk's were with me. Saw J. Moomis Jun who said if he should purchase one of our young hogs it would be on Monday next. Made calls at the stores for clean fine salt - could find none - G.P. in the eve'g cut up pork. Those 2 cows - weighed the one lbs 251 $\frac{1}{2}$ , the other lbs 240 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Sam'l H. Brown and his friend E. Wright carried off the last of his cider from the press - had made 18 bbls - Said a few words respecting the sale of the W. division of the Fay farm.

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SATURDAY, NOV'R 24 Unpleas't, cldy - some few showers of snow - ground slightly cov'd - chilly, at the same time thawed. Cows fod'd lightly - 14 lds manure taken from the y'd on the 19th were that carted on the 22d was. Husking all finished off for good. Ira B. D. here in the eve'g assisted in carrying out 2 last loads manure & in packing pork which I mainly performed. Sylvanus W. Daniels in barter with Isaac Cole sold the cow I sold to him last March and rec'd \$20 & for the last he had of us obtained \$11 in part paym't tow'd a fine pair of ozen - bargain closed this day. Pork killed for B. Harwood & Son's consumption - to-wit - 1st lbs 308 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 2, 251 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3d 240 $\frac{1}{2}$  - total lbs 800. See Dec. 6 1831. Or W. Dan's made a short visit - wanted to purchase another cow - had no more to dispose of.

SUNDAY, NOV'R 25 Continued cldy - but more pleas't than on the 24th S.W.D. came here this morning - talk was had respecting the coat which I had lately got made for myself - said gentleman had put it on a day or two after it was bro't from Hoosick - and more recently it was tried on, as we say, by cousin I.B.D. and upon taking it off discovered a woful rent in the back & thereabouts. The former could not believe he was the author of the mischief, nor could the latter be entirely satisfied of having done it - but felt willing to make compensation & finally said on another day he would receive & pay for the garment - and I accepted of the proposal - Coat, trimmings & making as near as could be ascertained am'td to \$14.55". Ira B. this eve'g



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took his departure for Slocum's Ore Bed, W.p't Bennington where he had engaged to work by the month at \$11.00 Paid him 25 cts tow'd debt. Said he should board at A.Sherwood's.

MONDAY, NOV'R 26 There was a very light snow on the earth this m'g, such as is frequently seen at this season - Warm S. wind soon dissipated it. Cl'dy, muddy, unpleas't gloomy. Main business of Saturday continued. Dr S. (Noadiah) paid professional visit to mother - had lately arrived from N.Y. From Montpelier to that City & in that City had come in contact with very few Jackson men - Gave his opinion pretty freely on politicks and in that we of course coincided. Rec'd request in writing from my youngest sister to address a letter in behalf of her husband to F. Childs, Wilmington, to send over a good kind hired girl by Dec. 15. Summed up acc'ts with Mrs Harris to whom found due tow'd washing (82) 88 cts. Sally prepared butter for D.Robinson Jr. Dr S. came in the evening. I tried to read Pillet's Eng'd - failed mostly.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 Continued moderate, black & cl'dy - Roads very muddy - Business of 26th contin'd - manure carted in - to S. mead

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Early in the morning wrote a letter to F.Childs, Wilmington, Vt., to procure for H.Waters an accomplished hired maid. Attached an apology for troubling him on the subject. P.M. rode to E.Village & bo't goods including axe for \$1.34 amounting to \$3.30. Rec'd in full of I.Doolittle for 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  bbls cider \$3.75". Saw in the store Miranda Harwood, Stephen Dewey, John W. Vail & others. Ret'd to H.Waters' - left Mrs H. & rode to D.Rob. Jun's - deliv'd 61 lbs butter which they were glad to receive - being about out. Saw at Patchins' friend Darius Clark who joked a little with David respecting his butter. With the latter gentleman discoursed a good while on the Administration of And. Jackson. In some points we agreed - to wit - so many removals, sending Randolph to Russia - as being wrong and foolish - first Cabinet badly constituted - But he defended the Veto Messages on the Maysville Road Bill & the Bank in full. After coming home took pleasure in reading a letter of the first Pres'r Adams - dated sometime in 1818 - giving a lively account of the session of the S. Court holden at Boston, Feb. 1761, in which the great question respecting Writs of Assistance was argued before ~~the~~ that Court - the masterly speech of James Otis against them, without fees, which raised his popularity to an unexampled height for those days, &c., &c. Mrs Harris executed washing here.

WEDNESDAY, NOV'R 28 Remarkably mild, clouds thick & low. Cattle lived profusely in old pastures - Had milked the cows but once a day, say in the morning, since the 22d at night. House banking & ripping up the cider press, mill & vat & snugly placing the same in good order under cover of the press roof & taking up the planks forming bottom of the bin erected Oct.8 - made up the business of this day. Hams & chops pickled according to recipe obtained at Hoosick, Oct. 28 - mainly by Sally Harwood - assisted by H. & G.P.H.. A long hunt was snarlingly had for said recipe, which was finally found in the clothes press bed room N. of kitchen. Pickling business of course attended to in the evening. A.M.Harw'd off last & this eve'g at singing school - taught by Clark.



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THURSDAY, NOV'R 29 Pleas't, moderate - mud drying up - fine for business. Ten l'ds chip manure carted on to Clerk's orchard. Sold to S.Loomis the 3 cows called "Line", "Skunk" & "Pool" for \$11. pr h'd - rec'd his note for the same due 1 day from date with int. If paid soon, int. deducted. He wanted the cow sold to S.W.D. and would have allowed 75" more than we obtained for her. Improved a part of the time in fixing cow shed - S. of the barn, or S.W. of it.

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FRIDAY, NOV'R 30 Stormy all day - snow first - snow and rain afterw'd mainly rain - not in great quantity - air temperate. Fed'd cattle morn'g & even'g - stabled all had room for at night. Thir two bhls wint. apples were got from garret to cellar. Loft over kitchen mostly cleared of fruit. Other minor affairs put in order. Dr F. Johnson paid us friendly visit - applied to me to hire for a short time \$30 in money to make out payment in full to his Castleton Cr whose demand was in the hands of H.Kellogg who if not so p'd would distress him I told him it was not at this time in my power to do it - otherwise it would afford me pleasure to serve him. J.said the money must be paid over on the morrow. Wife & daughter this day busy as bees in a bar barrel cooking pies for Thanksgiving.

SATURDAY (NOV.) Winter came on with a witness. Rained all night - DEC'R 1st commenced snowing in the morning - ceased mostly by noon - wind began blowing ere the snow had ceased - increased in severity all the remainder of the day - rwally tedious - no mistake - as to winter, but the quantity of snow was but trifling - blew up into drifts by the sides of fences. G.P. made an important improvement in the stable in which the oxen were usually confined - It was originally planned for horses, but the old rack was removed and a manger on a different scheme substituted for it. Father perused the History of Berkshire - assisted G.P. in stabling cows. With Hopkins drove to Hiram Twiss the cow called "Pratt" - rec'd in full \$3.75 He had sold to me 10 rennets previous to the above bargain so that the s'd cow came to 75 rennets over & above the money. See Nov 15 & 17. Called on my friends W. Haswell & D. Robinson Jun for money - neither of them quite ready - but offered, if I said so, to procure it for me. The former had said I should have it at first call which had created in my mind a full expectation of rec'g it - intention being to take up my cutter obligation given S.H.B. Dec 15 1831 - put over to Tues next when William assured me I should have it without fail - David promised to pay on the same day. Called at the office of J.Robinson and there first saw the paper entitled The Botanical Thompsonian Advocate - printed in Troy by F.Adancourt - altogether on the Lobelia plan. A part of the Life of Thompson was inserted - great cures made by him. Mrs Mary Buck being on her return from town informed us of the death of Mrs Eliza, amiable consort of Green Potter, Pownal, on Friday eve'g - perfectly resigned - a few days in her 35th year. See Journal for July 14th - Oct 20, 26.

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SUNDAY, DEC. 2 Calm in the morning after very blowing night. Hazed over and became colder as the day wore away - every body expected snow. Attended the funeral of our cousin Mrs Potter. James Buck went for the coffin to E.Bennington - and was unaccountably detained - 2 P.M. when he appeared with it. The Clergyman too, Mr J.C. Hollister was still later but preached rousingly when he did come, from



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Rev. 14, C. 13, Verse . Addressed the mourners handsomely & appropriately - Closing prayer by Elder Green. The corpse was exhibited as usual. I took a last look - but could see little or no resemblance to the living. On speaking to Mrs Duncan, the disconsolate mother of the deceased, my feelings were much wrought upon & was obliged to turn aside a mom't to collect myself enough to resume conversation. Did not go to the grave, came away just as the procession was ready to move. Mrs P. left 5 children - 4 girls & 1 boy - youngest, 3 or 4 years old - their father in pretty good circumstances. G.P. was married to Mrs P. in the fall of 1815. Those whom I recollect attending the funeral were - E. Fay Jr, Wm Getty, S.W. Daniels, Benj'n Gardner, Jr, Elder Green, James Buck & lady who were very good in assisting wherever assistance was wanted. Deacon B. Gardner rendered essential service in giving the necessary direction in regard to the proper conveyance of the remains, arrangement of procession &c &c. The funeral was numerously & respectably attended - very many persons present were profound strangers to me Mrs P's brother, Archibald, was in attendance - Came away with S.W.D's & Calvin Fay. There was a funeral at the house of Eli Carpenter - Mrs Huldah Walker, formerly H. Sprague of our neighborhood in 1814 - being a town charge, died of consumption on Saturday, aged from 46 to 50. Halted at Maj L. Norton's - rec'd N.Y. Spect. of June 22, Oct., 29 & Nov 19 - Made another stop at N. Norton's - saw his fat hogs & fat cow "Louise" - all in fine condition. Received an assurance of having pay for cow on Tuesday the 4th inst. Sylvanus came home with me - Improved the evening writing. Rec'd on Saturday a line from friend Wight dated Williams T. Nov 16 1832, enclosing a Catalogue of the Members of the Institution, and a few lines expressive of the delight the box of apples gave him - Studies growing easier - Board going on well &c.

MONDAY, DEC'R 3d Unsettled - low clds - dragging the tops of mountains - S. wind - gr'd thawed up - dreadful walking fine, misty rain 2 or 3 hours P.M. pleas't in moonlight. Father & G.P made it their chief bus. to get out chip manure as on 29th Nov. Gallanted wife to town - deliv'd to F. Blackmer 28-10/16 lbs butter - called at S. & B's - no trade

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Next at L. Patchin & Co's where  $9\frac{1}{2}$  yds Circassian at 2/6 was bo't with trimmings making up bill of \$5.45" intended for cloak for Adeline M. Harwood. Drove to the chair Factory of B. Squires' - bargained for 8 common parlour chairs including rockers to be fitted to one - at 9/0 apiece - tombe paid first of Jan next - Return'd pine box to Twiss which he lent me to carry off rennets in Mov. 17 - Came to Austin B. & Co's - bo't 3 yds full'd cloth at \$1 pr y'd & other articles amounting to \$4.22. Mr A. on learning the fate of my dandy coat immediately drew my attention to cloth for another - same colour - finer texture - more smooth and apparently considerably superior to the first - at \$4.00 pr yd - was not however persuaded to purchase - some young men afterw'd looking at the same goods, asked the price and were told \$4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The above fulled cloth was homespun in the family of J. Hunt - Mr John Vail was there buying cloth for surtout. Among many others there, saw Nelson Thayer, cous. Hiram Harwood and one of the younger sons of Reub. Wickwire who had it seems lost his pocket containing an order which the boy who found it produced to the person on whom it was drawn - rec'd the money thereon & was going to make off with the same, but was some how or other detected - pocket book and money returned to the rightful owner. Visited T. Hills in his shoe shop - saw the crimping machine in



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operation - bargained to him fore qr. of beef & cow hide at going prices. Called to see his father who was quite low in health - almost helpless - full of rheumatic pains - digestive powers almost gone - no appetite at all for any kind of food - nothing passed his bowels unless by aid of physic which left him weaker than it found him - named many things he had tried with't effect. I asked him if he had ever tried pow'd charfoal - had not - recommended it to him as a thing that might succeed - and if it did not, was harmless - Spoke of the money which he owed me - would pay it then if I demanded it, but it would accommodate him to be waited on a few days. Freely gave assent. Left store & came to H.Waters' - short tarry was there - saw old Mrs W. - Hopkins came ~~down~~ down from Academy - seated himself in the wagg. & came home with us. David S. Sheldon presented his bill pr Hop - For Tuition \$3.00 - Question Book 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - total \$3.337 $\frac{1}{2}$ . At Patchin & Co's saw L.P. himself, Major Potter, Butcher Peck and others - the last said he had taken a firm resolution not to use any ardent spirit at all - by long experience had nearly destroyed his stomach. Our uncle S. Robinson called in - by whom sent word to Joel R. or J.H. Thomas that we would sell him shotes at 3 cts pr lb. Good pork was said to be worth \$5 $\frac{1}{2}$  hd. Lost all chance at writing in the eve'g, by vainly attempting to churn cold cream to butter. Eleven fowls were killed this evening for immediate use. L.P. & Co to be paid Jan 1, 1833.

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THURSDAY, DEC'R 4 Continued very temperate - roads thawed up so as to be soft & splashy - cloudy - cattle out grazing with all composure. Same business contin'd. Rec'd paym't in full \$33. from Sam'l Loomis for cows - deliv'd Nov 29. By the hand of H. Hopkins my son, paid D.S. Sheldon's bill - and in the evening in writing requested payment of D. Robinson Jun., W. Haswell & Henry Fassett - which in the order in which I have here entered their names - I set the several sums - \$10.17, \$37.28, \$3.00 - Total \$50.45" Rec'd by the hands of G. P. & H. H. Harwood who for that purpose rode up street together - Left letter from me to Lewis Beach informing him of my ability & readiness to pay up obligation in his hands against me with a request to have him come immediately and put in sink pipe - for which he would get ready pay - s'd letter was left in the post office. Boys returned early in the evening - G.P. bo't on my acc't at F.B. & Co's goods amounting to 5/8 dollar. S.W. Daniels transported wood for N. Norton up S't - said he should come up this evening with money from N. for cow - and would pay some day of the pres't week for that which he bo't. Arrived this eve'g in some bustle Miss Marg't Harwood in stage from Williamstown - Driver came from the road up our very muddy lane on her account - heavy laden, had but 1 span - one of which was ugly - refused to draw - driver knocked him dowb just as cous. M. was about to alight - came running in to give notice of the same - We sallied out to assist - but it was all ~~right~~ right - passengers re-ascended coach and were off - cous. M. first having paid her bill, 75". Notice was given in the paper of a Theatrical Comp'y at S. Weeks'.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 5 Cold, roads rough, cloudy, pleas't for business. Carting chip manure was bro't to a close & those chairs bo't on the 3d inst bro't home. Hiram Waters rec'd for Hinsdill & Co 118 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet of basswood boards - at \$1. - cr. In the evening perused Mr J. Q. Adams' 2d letter on F. Masonry - Good. S.W. Daniels deliv'd me \$12.00 in money for which I sent my receipt in full to Norman Norton being pay for cow deliv'd to S.W. Dan'l Nov 5 1832. G.P. & Hopk's went



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for said chairs - Bo't new steel rat trap of F.B. & Co - price 2/0 booked. Capt H. Robinson came down this morning to give direction to his men about getting wood which they wheeled home over the rough frozen ground - Sylv's W.Dan's drew wood for N. Nort.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 6 Rather temperate - mainly pleas't - some cldy - hazy. Father, cous. Geo P., cous. I.B.D., Margaret & Adeline - including Hopkins - attended Public Worship. So much of my time was necessarily taken up in arranging old news papers, feeding cattle &c that my chance for reading was but trifling - News from abroad warranted expectation of war.

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Dec. 6th Contin'd. At supper cousins I.B.D. & Margaret Harwood were the only extra persons entertained. In the evening with Hopkins paid respects to a little Theatrical Company from Boston - in the Hall of S. Weeks. They played well to a full house, price of tickets 25 " - Children at half price. Among others saw Judge Stephen Robinson, N.L. Robinson, Luman Sherwood, John Sharp, Jacob Brooks &c - Some few ladies were present. For want of a Play Bill cant correctly state names & particulars. The assemblage in my opinion was quite numerous. Returned home past ten. Ira B. Dewey rec'd my blue coat at \$14.55" including cloth to repair the same - took it to Mr Davis to have it over-hauled. See Nov. 25.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 7 Remarkably mild - Indian Summer - if we may say this description would not hold good for the whole day. Clouds & chilling wind came up from S.E. in the evening. Sent Hopkins forthwith in the morning to N.Bennington to request L.Beach to immediately come down with sink pipe & fix in & lay the same. Returned for answer that it was impossible for him to attend to it today - We might expect on the morrow. Ditch dug for the pipe afores'd. H.Waters bro't a quantity of potatoes which he exchanged for as many more, of quality more suitable for the table. Helikewise level'd the stone sink. J.R. Thomas bo't of us 4 fine shoats - 3 females to 1 male, weighing collectively lbs 572, which at 3" pr lb am'td to \$17.16" - due first of Jan next - were richly worth 3½ - making a loss to us in the sale of \$2.86 - add that to the other and it is \$20.02. Father was off getting pantaloons & vest cut at Tailor Davis', Alg's - Bo't some few articles of Aust. B. & Co abd F.B. & CO., on cr. In the eve'g went with wife & son to H.Waters' where a fine visit was had - Cous. Marg't & Adeline went there early P.M. The company of cous. Emily, Edwin & Amanda Robinson & Miss Eliza Smedley was highly enjoyed. Discoursed with old Mrs Waters, now 75 years of age, respecting the old Tory Episcopal Clergyman - Petrs of Hebron, Conn., who she said she well knew. Mentioned his being mobbed & going off to the British at Boston. Mr Chapin the accomplished painter, came in by request with his pipes & entertained the company with very soft pretty music - never heard such before excepting at Burlington, Vt., 1812, when I had no opportunity to view the inst. H.W. laid aside his tools, sent for a flute on which I performed - but pretty drily - could not recollect my pieces. The likeness of little L.S. Waters playing with a kitten, drawn by Mr C., was exhibited - much to the pleasure & satisfaction of the comp'y. By invitation walked over to Mr C's, formerly T.Hendryx Tailor Shop & viewed portraits of upwards of 20 persons - among whom were those of S.C. Raymond, wife, son & daughter Gov. Tichenor, large as life, in gilt frame - eminently majestic & exact. W.S. Southworth, Sam'l S. Scott, S. Nicholls & lady &c.



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Saw the rough of a grabd Scriptural Piece - the taking down of the dead body of our Saviour from the cross by Joseph of Arimathea & others - A labor of many months and days to the artist. Late in the evening all hands returned home - extremely rough waggon'g - Rec'd \$10.25 pay in full for cow of S.W.Daniels.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 8 Rained steadily all day from S. Thirty nine green cheeses, twelve of which were made in Nov'r were bro't over from the cheese house, weighing together lbs 17,66 making the grand total Lbs 12005 - 207 cheeses from 31 cows - beginning April 16 & ending Nov 14 - 11th & 12th said month no cheese made, milk being set for cream, had now on hand, exclusive of one partially spoiled, on the 6th of Aug - 40 whole cheeses, one made in April inclusive, & adding the potted the probable am't on hand would be all of 1900 lbs. 12th Oct. cheeses were casked & placed high in the cellar - remain'g 28 in cheese cub'd.

There had been paid in during the pres't week, if I mistake not, ab't \$109. to B. Harwood & S.

Lent to H. Waters \$4. to be paid on short notice.

S.W. Dan's bo't G'd handle cow - Nov 23 - paid for her Dec. 7 1832

The Nov. cheese from the press weighed 501 lbs - on Saturday it weighed 473 lbs

SUNDAY, DEC'R 9 Continued rainy most of the day - frost out & snow nearly disappeared. Weather so bad no one chose to go to meeting - Books & papers were carefully perused - In the latter, news from England was warlike - Chas X & family had cleared from Edinburgh & gone to Prussia - at the head of the new French Ministry was Marshall sault who talked of energetic measures.

MONDAY, DEC'R 10 Continued open & thawy - tolerably pleas't - some few clds - wind W. or N.W. Business about home executed by father & G.P. one branch being that of digging stone for foundation of barn now in contemplation. I was off to mill - Deliv'd to H. Waters 56 ft bass. boards which he wanted for Hinsdill & Co - s'd I might charge transportation - so did O/9. Drew an order which he signed for 1½ Ind. meal on Doolittle which was fulfilled by A. Harwood - Saw many different persons having business at the mill, among whom was Chester or Lyman Sibley, Alanson Wood - Perused a very pathetic address to the People of the U.S. on prospect before us - Coming home got 3 bbls tan-bark at T. Hills - and 7 lbs nails at Aus B. & Co., for which paid 50 cts. Arrived in the street made final settlement with John Hicks from whom was due for cheese deliv'd last July \$1.36 out of which was deducted 28" due on acc't of J.J. Hicks, leaving \$1.08 which he paid in hand. Called on Rich'd Carpenter & paid 17 cts in full for cutting pantaloons for Hopkins in April last. Made short visit to W.S. Southworth at Hall's office - asked him what he should do with S. Carolina - said he would shut their ports and prevent all foreign intercourse - which would teach the people the value of the Union. At Sanf'd & Brown's it was nearly ascertained that we owed them \$40. or more & at F.B. & Co's \$21 - At the former store store did not state quite correct - Acc't \$40 - Cr \$7., due \$34. or \$35. With John Hicks and J. & J. Hicks now stood on even ground.



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TUESDAY, DEC'R 11 Contin'd remarkably mild - slightly frozen in the morn'g, soon thawed up soft & muddy - extremely bad travelling - Cattle did well being fodd'd once a day. Father & G.P. co contin'd getting out stone for barn foundation. I made an unsuccessful visit to N.Bennington to see friend Beach. The gentleman started too soon for me - arrived at Capt Hall's where he was when I passed the meeting house on my way to the village afores'd. Dr Swift overtook me beyond the old J.Gield house - questioned me respecting a cow & heifer turned out to him by Mark Morrison - with whom Ed H.Swift had signed note to the Bennington Bank. There had been talk between the Doct. & Morrison of leaving it to me & some other disinterested person to say what they were worth - I had seen & spoken with M. on the 10th as he was driving them down to the Dr's farm, who informed me of the afores'd scheme - I replied that my judgment was so weak in regard to such property - did not wish to have one word to say about it - M. said Stephen Robinson would probably be the other person - so I then made less objection to the business, but still wished to be off & have nothing to say respecting it as an arbiter - And now to Dr S. repeated nearly the same words, who said he had no objection to leaving it to father & me - but objected to S. Robinson, who although he esteemed him perfectly honest, yet considered him something under the influence of M. who asked his counsel in almost everything - finally the Dr said he would not be bound to abide by the judgment of any man or men - If they should bring in that they were worth over \$24., M. might drive them home again. Parted with the doct. below the old Sam Fay house - Passing the barn yd of friend Saff'd Rob. a few words were exchanged with him & Hor. Edger<sup>ton</sup> - the latter being employed at building stone fence. Saw Ira Haynes in the road S. of his house looking at a man & team on the opposite side of the river getting sand for Dr S. Nicholls - had too heavy a load and was stuck for awhile. Next met not far from U. Edgerton's Esq Mark Morrison on horseback, who again brought up the subject just now mentioned - but I believe that it was all knocked in the head by informing him what the Dr had said. It was on Monday that I first saw M. At N.B. did not so much as alight from my beast - saw young Beach at th the old Cardell store who told me what is stated above regarding his brother. A.Doty came there and conversed with me a few moments - complained of being unwell - Had rec'd a letter from his cousin Msry Safford who stated that her father's health was much improved since he was here in Sept. 1831 - his, D's cousin, Nancy Doty, had taken up her permanent residence there - her youngest sister Marcia & husb'd with family had left Binghamton to go to reside in Baltimore City, Md.

Returned home pretty directly - Mr B. had got here only a mom't before me. He immediately set about fixing in sink pipe which he nearly completed before candle lighting. Tarried all night so as to repair leak in the aqueduct pipe out of which for the first time since he left it in Sept. the water was stopp'd. During eve'g affairs of S. Carolina were talked over - Adeline busy in preparing for attending school from H.Waters'. Benningt'n Acad. to open again on the 13th inst. A certain old lady's drawer mentioned 2d June last, was this day delivered of its contents with very little trouble from smell or otherwise. Mrs K. & Eliza paid visit here.



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WEDNESDAY, DEC 'R 12 Cloudy from the E. early in the day - few slight showers of rain - tow'd eve'g wind got round more to the N. with misty rain which changed to snow - and that ceased falling pretty soon. Mr B. finished out sink pipe and repaired the leak aforesaid, which was a dirty, wet, cold job - in which G.P. took his full share. Friend Beach assured me that if at any time the same difficulty should occur, he would repair it gratis while he remained in this country, and probably he should reside in this vicinity during the remainder of his days - having engaged a water privilege for five years - intended to build &c - now 22 years of age - born in Hardwick, Ms., Settled with & paid him off \$94.00 in full of all demands, but did not get up my note which he forgot to bring with him - See Sept 11 - Promised to send or bring the same to me shortly - Left about noon in his 1 h. wagg. In the eve'g conveyed Adeline up to H.Waters' preparatory to her attending Mr Sheldon's school. Sold to M.S.Norton 30 lbs 2 curded April cheese at 7" per lb, to be p'd on short notice. Settled Blacksmith's acc't at B. F. Fay's & paid up the same in full to his clerk, John Adams - \$1.76 - S.C.Raymond's eldest son being present - Called at L.Patchin & Co's but bo't nothing - Got Gazette at printing office in which was inserted President's Message - had previously seen & read the same in N.Y.S. of Dec. 6. Bo't & paid 4/0 for Smith's Arith and paper slate at Sanf'd & Brown's - Left these with Adeline at H. Waters' - took butter pots & came home. On the 11th omitted mentioning that an Irishman who had forged an order on Doolittle's mill was taken for the offence by H.Blackmer the Constable, assisted by Asahel Harwood and others, a few rods west of our upper orch'd & properly secured to await his trial before the proper tribunal - his name was .

THURSDAY, DEC 'R 13 Surface slightly frozen - remained much so all day, the snow was merely enough to whiten - thick clds - much fog - which most of the P.M. was very dense. Main employm't cutting & drawing basswood timber in woods for sawing. On the 12th the flooring of a part of the N. stable was reformed as was that also thro' what we call the gangway. Mr Sam'l Loomis proposed buying one more cow - called "red star", which we assented to - Said

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if he should have her it would be tomorrow morning. This evening among other articles perused a part of the proceedings of the Sublime S.Carolina Convention - became highly incensed against them. If their case is bad, the remedy is violent & uncalled for, but of a piece with Southern Impudence & folly - Let Jackson put them down if he can. S.W.D's drew wood for N.N.

FRIDAY, DEC 'R 14 Clouds thick & low - much fog on the mountains - warmer than on the 13th - thawed up very soft - Singular winter weather - Same business again, but not in the same part of the wood lot - trees were felled on the hill west of the limekiln of 1794-95. Saw Judge L.Norton out gunning with his dogs. In the eve'g finished reading the Long Report of the S. Carolina Convention Committee in which there appeared to be much good reasoning - but not enough to bear them out in all their doings. Butter, calculated for H.Waters & family, was now ready for deliv'y. Omitted stabling cows at night on acc't of the mildness of the weather.



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SATURDAY, DEC'R 15 But little variation in the weather only in the ~~cl~~<sup>cl</sup> clouds becoming ragged and thin so as to admit of now & then a flash of sunshine - and in the evening grew cold - clouds principally cleared away. Like business or much the same continued - No more trees of any consequence were cut down - old tops were drawn out &c . Sold to S.Loomis the cow usually called "Red Star" - 13 yrs old last spr'g - 2d rate for \$11.00 which he paid in full - leaving us but 21 h'd cows to winter exclusive of that we were feeding. Deliv'd to H.Waters this eve'g 61 lbs 6 oz butter which was entered on book at 1/0 - \$10.23 Family all well. Picture of Lydia finished & exhibited - Adeline sombusily employed by her aunt she could not come home. Fore-p't eve'g, aft my return, taken up in perusing S. Carolina Complaints - Curious State Papers - Jefferson quoted as fair authority for the support of Nullification - Laid this aside & took up Peter Pindar - read his acc't of a Royal visit on the King's Birth Day to Whitebread's grand Brewery in which Majesty was made to appear quite unmajestic - Our Nullifiers I see place themselves far above the reach of the S. Court of the U.S.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 16 Thick fog all the morning plds from the S. - thawy, muddy - travelling never more difficult. Occupied chiefly reading books of various kinds. Hopkins waited upon his mother & cous. Marg't to Church. Geo P. wrote a letter to his brother-in-law Barter. Cousin I.B.Dewey came here - complained of bad health. Cous. N.L.Rob. likewise visited us - among other news told us that one of those shoats sold on the 7th inst., had died in consequence of a hurt rec'd in handling it - loss to us \$4.20 - should be \$4.32

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MONDAY, DEC'R 17 Brisk S.E. wind - raised storm of snow which increased gradually at night as it drew on - not tedious at all - no frost, or very little, in the gr'd, roads very muddy. It fell to my lot to thresh rye - while father & G.P. fell'd 2 fine oaks on the Rocks W. of the house for cart-body stuff. In the evening examined a few of the pages of the Biographical Sketch of Rob't Morris by whose nable & patriotic exertions the success of Washington's Army in taking York Town (Virg.) was vastly promoted. Also read in Revo'y Hist'y an acc't of Gen Schuyler's fortunate expedition against ~~the~~ Sir John Johnson - Jan 20 1776 - and again perused the description by A. H. Williams - a name dear to his country - of the dreadful sufferings of the American prisoners under Gen'l Howe after the capture of F't Washington - Nov 16 1776 - Were then in number 2500 - of whom it was supposed in consequence of ill treatm't 1500 perished within ab't 6 weeks.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 18 A very handsome quantity of snow now covered the land - kept falling slowly nearly all the morning - very bad bottom in the roads. Not very cold - w'd N. Threshing was followed by G.P. I rode in cutter with Hopkins to E.Bennington - Esq James Hubbell was passenger from the center meeting house to the village - Hopkins had his boots fixed at the shop of J.Harwood - mare shod at Har. Norton's - paid visit to Aus. B. & Co - bo't nothing - first saw Pres. Proclamation against S. Carolina Nullifiers - said to be a most Noble Document - had not time to read it - Aus. was off on jury in an affair between Nenj'n Webb and one of the Craffords - came home round by the Old Smith house, Fay's & Norton's - called at Maj. L.Norts - made settlement with the Maj. & Mrs J.Morton in full - which enabled



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me to make up pay complete for Spect. paper \$5.56 as my part for 2 yrs from Jan. 1832. Acc'ts were balanced by his charging \$1 to Morton & paying me 19 cts ( See Oct 31) Maj L. read some paragraphs of Pres. Proclamation of which he is a great admirer - that is, read it to me. His daughter Louisa & others were engaged on bed-quilt. Hopkins & self soon after came directly home. J.Morton rec'd of us Oct. 31, 1 bbl cider - settled for this day as stated above. Arrived this evening in good health & spirits our respected fr'd J.A.Wight with his friend Job Olin who gave us music on flute - tar'd over night - all hands sociable Perused papers a good deal myself. The afore written sentence lacks - Williams College - came up in stage on runners - horses nearly tired down - travelling so very soft & bad.

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WED. DEC'R 19 Cldy, from N. 2 to 4 P.M. two showers of snow.

Snow say 1 ft deep - perhaps more in the woods.

Assisted G.P. in getting l'ds oak wood including 1 saw log of that species of wood. Adeline returned from H.Waters' in cutter. Fr'd Wight accomp'd Mr Olin up street - whence the latter went home - the former returned in the evening. My chief reading was confined to Smellies Philosophy of N. History with which was highly pleased. Gave the Pres. Proclamation some attention in which contrary to the doctrine taught in the B.V.Mess. the Supreme Court of the U.S. appeared to be properly recognized - Very able document. Our Honor'd father completed threshing rye of which at this time there was 240 sheaves, or thereabouts. See Aug 6 1832. Rec'd line enclosing note pr L.Beach - See Dec. 12th.

THURSDAY, DEC'R 20 Nearly like the 19th - some colder - less snowy.

Getting wood from on "The Rocks" assisted by friend Wight - Continued - Father winnowed through the fanning mill 16 bbls good rye. At the rate this yielded the crop of this year might be computed at 48 or 50 bbls from ab't 2 acres land - Looked at Treasury Rep' - sorry to see so much hostility to Manufactures - Fifty eight millions Public Debt paid off by And. Jackson during his Administration - "I, Andrew Jackson, have done it" - Continued reading Proclamation - very good - And Jus And'w Jackson. Miss L.Herwood spent the day here. Capt Heman's men & teams getting wood.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 21 Less cldy - more cold - w'd N. Same business.

Wight went away P.M. - father lent hand at chopping A letter from F.Children, Wilmington, Vt., announcing that he had procured a hired girl for H.Waters - to come over 1st Jan. - was rec'd. Finished reading Proclamation.

SATURDAY, DEC'R 22 No small absence of heat - morning, noon or evening-

cldy - Trees powdered on mountain summits preparatory to Christmas - sleighing half middling or more - Sledding wood continued from the same lot - our friend was out. I went two loads & bolted on acc't of company which consisted of Hiel Parsons & lady & son. Rec'd quite an P.M. visit. Hopkins waited upon Marg't & Adeline from H.Waters', neither of our child'n attended school - accomp'd friend P. down to the old Chatfield stand which was examined by him throughout - all in ruinous condition - more especially the old Back house. Last of all he questioned Mrs. Harris in regard to the manner of her location there & how she expected to do as to rent? She said it was through the good



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offices of Mr Andrews that she ventured to assume admittance - that he assured her

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that in so doing he would stand between her & all harm. Manifested a perfect willingness to pay the rent, which at her own consent was set at \$1. per month. Would pawn her cow, or rather an understanding was verbally acknowledged that I should hold the cow in pledge for the rent which if unpaid by the first of April next, said cow, after being well wintered thus far, to be delivered over in payment thereof - But he said he did not want the cow - merely wanted security and would accept of pay from time to time as she could avail herself of measures or means. Requested her to hand over to me 25 or 50 cents at a time tow'd rent - she said she would - promised to do all in her power tow'd it. After returning from this humble abode - supper was ready & soon despatched and then they were away with our thanks in the bargain and engagement to return the favor. Took seat in their 2 h. cutter up to Hicks', where they turned off for the Gr't State. I immediately went to Sanf'd & Brown's store & first settled acc't with friend S.H. Brown who on a running acc't of something over \$7. was indebted to me \$1.52 which he said should be endorsed on cutter note, besides there was 4 bhls rye due - lent last summer - next the Company charges were severally and critically examined - 2 lbs tea & other small articles had in Oct. were omitted in my hand book - Acc't commenced Jan 2 1832 & amt'd to \$41.84 - deduct Cr \$6.92 and the remainder \$34.92 which I met by note with use due first Jan'y 1833. While thus employed Samuel H. made contract with one of the Mattison's of Shaftsbury, formerly a constable there I believe, for corn brooms at \$14. per hund to be paid in tin apparatus for new stove now just come in vogue - Hooper's pattern - price at the Furnace \$17 - tin furniture added \$23. He agreed to take goods for remainder. Rode home in cutter with Sam H. & neigh. Getty - heard great complaint against the nag - white - for kicking stable in pieces. S. resolved to put him off - G. said he would drive him to Pow'l this eve'g. Eve'g spent chiefly reading Sec. McLane's Treas. Report & in looking over Bigland - 4th Vol - Hist V. of As. Turkey. Practised music a little. Ought to have mentioned above MssH. having lived there 14 mo's.

SUNDAY, DEC'R 23 Pretty fair - some tattered clds - very cold eve'g. Gave papers tolerably thorough reading - noticed the gr't Stock Jobbing Speculation - which grew out of the President's Message - being communicated clandestinely previous to its publication at Washington, to certain individuals in N.Y. City &c - much in my opinion derogatory to the fair fame of Jackson, McLane, Kendall & Co. A part of the day was devoted to drawing up reply to cous. A. Stone's letter rec'd Nov 6 - Mentioned death & funeral of Mrs E. Potter - See Dec'r 2d. J.A. Wight, Hopkins, Marg't & Adeline went to meeting - A.M. Mr Hooker preached gr't Serm. on Faith.

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MONDAY, DEC'R 24 Pleas't - much sunshine - cold early in the eve'g - clouded over - wind sprang up from in part S.W. aftw'ds S.E. - snow expected by some while others prognosticated rain - cold moderated down - but there was no fun in being hotly exposed to it. The beef cow, long known by the name of "Wild" - celebrated in our fami



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ly as a timerous ugly kicker and no more than a common milker - after arriving at near the completion of her 14th year & quite to that of the 11th of her Dairy service, most of which while she gave milk, were daily obliged to confine her in a stall - drawing back a hind leg by rope attached thereto for safety of pail and to ensure the well being of the operator - after having eaten since the first of October 75 bbls potatoes - was this day butchered by G. P. Harwood, to whose vigilant care she was indebted for her excellent quality of beef - dressing performed by him & J.A.Wight - who illy enjoyed the scene by reason of cold. Beef & all weighed Lbs 670 - hide 69 - fore qr lbs 142 forwarded by Tho's Kent to T. Hills - Remainder of beef handsomely laid away for further operation - Self, wife & cousin Margaret rode to the house of T. & O. Daniels - once the residence of Dr Gaius Smith - formerly an eminent physician in Bennington, where a pleas't eve'g visit was enjoyed - Orin his father, Tilly, Asa &c at home - With the first had settlement of accounts - My charges on book came to \$18.55 - his \$7.10 - leaving in my favor \$11.45 - to which being added note & int. for harness given 12th March last \$6.28 - made full am't \$17.73 for which rec'd note with use 12 days from date - meantime gave up old note - He promised to pay a part - forepart Jan and also to transport 2 tons plast. from Troy at \$4 per T. After an interchange of usual visiting promises, took leave in cutter late in the evening. G.P. and our friend W. cracked butternuts with which they stuffed 4 stockings as Chrstmas presents. Be it noted that the rough tallow of the cow afores'd weighed 66½ lbs.

TUESDAY, DEC'R 25 Soft & cldy - w'd chiefl S. G.P. dissected beef & in the eve'g packed the same, besides getting up 4 out of 5 l'ds wood which was cut by father & the man Wight. The trees were 2 elms in the N. mead. & a stately ash in the S. mead'w standing near the lower edge of the old 5 acre clover lot - making 3 l'ds. Business took me & my better half round by Bank to E. Bennington. Left in the care of a young man in Voluntine's establishment, who met me between the houses of John & Henry Norton - saying there was nobody at the Factory - 2 loose coats of long standing to be colored butternut colour - as I gave him them - he threw the same into the front yard of the former - while he probably he was gone to dinner - Drove to Aus. B. & Co - left wife trading while I made short settlement with T.Hills & Co., whose acc't amt'd to \$7.75 - mine to \$8.42 - gave me due bill \$1 - cash to balance 22 cts.

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Saw shoe shop well stocked with hands & our fri'd Chatfield among the rest. Returned to store & paid for 6 lbs br sugar, ½ lb tea, square of cambric & pair gloves \$1.81. Many persons were in - among whom saw and spoke with Levi Jewett who said our scraper was in safe keeping - left store - saw O.W.Daniels with 3 h. team loaded with 500 feet reen hemlock boards for Harmon which he said weighed 210 cwt. At Sanford & Brown's traded for needles & trifles to am't of 18" - paid. Saw the new cooking stove now making so much noise, which a day or two back I called Hoopers', but now I will correctly style Gould's patent - same who invented Cornsheller 3 years since - See Jan or Feb 1830 - stove much admired by the bystanders among whom was Judge John H. Olin of Shaftsbury who came down with a fat hog which he supposed would weigh not far short of Lbs 400 - Came down to Mrs Waters' where made short call while I was on business at Mr Sam'l Chandler's - Debt there much less than expe



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pected - Evening improved in writing - Mother rec'd medical attendance of Dr N. Swift - 2d of late. J.A.Wight attended singing school this evening - His fri'd Job Olin forwarded 3 Vols of Rollins An't Hist. from Shaftsbury - Hopkins came with it from the Post Office - At H.W(s saw Henry Duncan and Will'm Ault - the last had rec'd bad hurt falling from a colt - if I am correct. Hopkins had his first writing book made by his mother this pres't evening.

WEDNESDAY, DEC'R 26 Cloudy & mainly moderate - slightly thawed at the surface - Eve'g commenced storming from S.E. Had oxen shod at Chandler's for which they charged \$1.25 - settled & balanced acc't by paying \$1.74 - His in all being \$5.60 - sent oxen home by Hopkins. At H.Waters' while the aforesaid business was going on finished out a long letter to cous. Annis Stone & her sister Lucy of Lockport - giving a brief acc't of many persons with whom they formerly were acquainted as well as relatives. Visited office of H.Hall - saw Mr H., S.Dewey (who appeared much intent on electing Mr H. Memb. of Cong.) & fr'd Southworth. The last told me apart from the others that capt. H's prospect of getting the election was better than heretofore. Made short call at Post Office - deposited letter - took out one from Henry Palmer to G.P.Harwood - entered at Burlington - postage 12½ c - which I paid. Saw Millington and his paintings - called at U.M.Robinson's - spoke of books borrowed - lives of signers of Dec. of Independence - which he desired me to return - promised so to do. Saw uncle Sam R. who said the Judd cow was this day butchered - weighed tow'd 600 - Paid respects to friend Solomon Clark whomas usual was employed at his bidery - Came down to F.Blackmer's - ascertained debt due on book - \$21.04 - Goods taken up amounted to \$25.81 from which was deducted for butter \$4.77 - Returned home & perused Sec. Cass' Rep't - Good. Hiram Blackmer & Sim Thayer were at the store while I was there.

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During my absence a large apple tree which stood a few rods N.W. the cider press, noted for bearing hard unpalatable fruit was laid low, chopped up sled length and added to the wood pile. Wight stuck by his books, classic'l & Hist'l .

THURSDAY, DEC'R 27 Rained considerable in the course of the A.M. remainder of the day cldy & thawy - wind hauled round N.W at night - assisted G.P. in getting home 4 bassw'd saw logs - axes gr'd up &c. B.Harwood thrashed 60 sheaves wint. wh't. A young man from Saratoga, N.Y. came to solicit me to subscribe for a book - entitled - Antiquities of America - by Priest of Albany. After viewing the Prospectus - refused to sign - The young fellow, who was of good size, and apparently healthy, apologized for his calling by giving a very Yankee description of the manner in which he had been handled by the Liver Complaint - and then departed. Was a carpenter by occupation - had been much in the employm't of the Patroon of Albany. We questioned not his veracity. Adeline was sent for & returned home full of teeth ache. Spent a long evening reading Smellie's Phil. of N. Hist. & occasionally turning my attention to music - Friend Wight wanted to go to Shaftsbury - went up street - returned - read Rollin, and played the flute. I made up a bill of boards and shingles for barn which amounted to \$88.00 Supposed materials to be bo't & cost of labor to be hired in the erec-



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tion of said building - would probably am't to \$200.

FRIDAY, DEC'R 28 Would say snowiy in the morning - tolerably cold with flying clds - came off fair at night. We turned out getting wood - assisted by Mr Wight - large maple cut standing E. limekiln of olden date - friend Wight wounded boot seriously - slightly the foot. 3 P.M. I was off to Bennington E. Village - had grist of wheat ground - saw at T.Hills's - T.C.Parsons who said he worked night & day - took p'r morrocco shoes for Adeline on trial - ascertained am't due Aus. B. & Co to be \$79.38" - Store pretty empty of company - bo't of madder & canewood  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb each - paid therefor 12 cts. This evening application was made to J.A Wight by E.Montague & Alvah Rice to teach school in the N. Dist. - he refused. Edwin Robinson was their present instructor, who on some accounts wanted a dismissal. Finished reading a portion of Smellie. In my jaunt to E.Bennington procured vest & pantaloons lately made up by Miss Chamberlin - Heard it mentioned that Horatio Clark was almost gone with consumption. Our hon'd father for one part of the employm't of the day fitted up an old rack for hay under the shed S. of the house - Rec'd Spect. of Dec 20 - Discovered but little to administer satisfaction in regard to National affairs - S. Carolina yet in rebellious attitude. Mr W. contin'd reading Rollin. Vt Gazette lately came out against Mr Hall - N.Rep. Cabdid ate for Congress - presume it will do them no good - Nationals seemed determined to elect Mr Hall at next trial.

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SATURDAY, DEC'R 29 Cold & pretty fair. Continued business aforesaid, assisted by J.A.Wight half a day. I cut of Maple, from 14 to 16 ft long saved out for sawing - Oats thrashed by father. Rec'd a kind sociable visit from uncle Sam Robinson who related particulars of journey to Colraine, M's - complained of lameness on acc't of corns - completed his visit ab't 7 in the evening. Said he would join horses and go with us to Troy. I ended the perusal of Gov Cass' very good Rep't - also contin'd that of Smellie. Mr W't practiced music besides giving great attention to Rollin. I performed a little in music

SUNDAY, DEC'R 30 Cold - especially in the morning - Grew moderate at night - Pretty fair too. Cleared stove in the morning. Executed writing at a hard lay - looked in the papers - no great amusem't there. Mr Wight, cous. Marg't, Adeline & Hopkins rode to meeting. Wid. J.E.Robinson was prayed for. N.L.Robinson paid me \$4. in money. Edwin came with him.

MONDAY, DEC'R 31 Thaw came on - very fair wheeling on frozen gr'd & ice. South wind blew pretty violently. Four l'ds wood were drawn from neighborhood of old limekiln. Mr Wight chopped down a certain whitewood tree which stood in the pasture a few rods S. of the upper orch'd - S.W.corner. Benj R. Sears with father looked out & felled some timber trees for building barn - they spent principal part P.M. at that. While at supper it was proposed that Benj'n should buy the geese - to which, with apparent earnestness, he agreed at 25" a piece - to be deliv'd next day. Stephen Harwood (&) came over & bo't 1 cheese which at 7" pr lb am'td to \$3.31 on acc't to be paid in carpentry - said he would furnish a fine yellow birch plank for cheese press bench - liked our timber for the beam, well. The evening was pleasantly passed at the house of B. R. Sears - whose mother and lady



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were very sociable - Boys treated with cracked butternuts & cider. Word came that Mr Southworth wanted to see me at Mr Love's - went over trying to divine what should be our friend Steuben's business with me. On arrival found Mr Southworth of Hoosick 4 Corners - who said he had endured great anxiety because of having ~~1000~~ lent out money which he could not collect in season to meet my demand in full - had come with \$400 - and if I should insist upon the payment of the remainder it should be paid forthwith - I told him to give himself no further uneasiness - the sum on hand would answer all purposes - would wait for the remainder with int. from this date until first of March - said I might have it at any time by writing for it - complained of slender cheese casks - must not nail them with brads any more - Deduction to be made for 20 lbs for mistake in weight on our part - Mrs Hull's & our Dairy, hers being very fine, were sold to the same buyer - See July 6 - Rec'd s'd \$400 in Love's room, W. of B. room - in latter apartment saw Henry Kellogg, Jona. Hunt, J.S. Robinson, & perhaps some one else. Understood Mr Southworth attended a Methodist watch meeting in E. Village - all came home in due season - Mr S. said they had nothing on our dairy - Desired I would have \$200 in a parcel looked over the Bank

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Rainy, unpleas't, muddy - rained only by turns - snow mostly off in roads. Made settlem't with & paid Ira B. Dewey off in full - he buying my whole fine suit which cost as near as I could calculate \$23.01 - remainder in money - say \$50.73 Father & G.P. threshed oats & afternoon all hands attended election of Rep. to Congress 1st Dist. Hall was said to have received 200 majority in this place - Mr Wight was of our company - Considered myself happy in being able to pay off several debts after first comply'g with Mr S's request to have the \$200 bunch of money examined at the Bank - to see if it was all good & current. Saw Montague who said he would pay up his April note which I left in the hands of Lyman Robinson - Sent to Aus. B. & Co \$79 - paid B. Squires at the Bank by the hands of young Raymond to J. Rogers \$20 - to Sanford & Brown in full \$34.92 - to F.B. & CO \$21.04. In the morning charged B. Herwood & Son with \$414.03. In the eve'g when I came to add up my payments to sums on hand could make no no more of it than \$410.50 Supposed it got mislaid at the Bank while they examined and exchanged the \$200 bunch as it was all parcelled out & labelled - excepting three one dollar bills which were most likely undesignedly swept into the cashiers drawers - Thus ended this day - with a fair prospect of being the author of the loss of \$3.00 - Turn back to Jun 1 1830 - Jan 1831 & Feb. 1 or Jan 31 1832.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 Surface little skinned over in the early part of the day. Pleas't, fair, mild, muddy, weather breed er - Geo & father assisted by our College veteran Mr Wight were off in the woods cutting timber - many cases of lodged trees. I was full of lost money - felt diffident with respect of laying my case before the cashier because he might doubt, not my honesty, but my accuracy - however on stating all the circumstances and receiving some stern interrogatories by him, he handed over the \$3 like a gentleman - Next proceeded to the printing office - wanted to settle with D. Clark - walked to Merrill's to learn how he had done in reference to some cheese I sold him in Jan. 1831 - could not positively say whether he had got it credi



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ted or not on the book of the late Vt G. Company - presumed he had - could not now attend to it - somebody came to get business done - so I left and went over to Love's - saw, Sam Fay, D. Clark, Love and a boisterous talking fellow who said he wanted to employ a real lawyer - Mr Hall being present said he was a professed one - the man was proceeding to take him aside when espying Mr Fay - called out that he used to know him 20 years since - formerly lived with Hopestill Armstrong as hired man - but did not give his name - Aft'r his exit F. asked L. if he knew him? No - don't want to know him - Don't want to know a man that gets drunk & wants to fight - as he did last eve'g. When Darius had been in to the bar-room with his friend Fay - went to his office with me to

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endeavor to settle account with me. His task as usual was in poor train for such business - My credits helped him to the value of \$1.13 to which he added blank book \$.63 and a 25" article overlooked in a former settlement - total \$2.01 then assuming the debt toward Gazette 1 year under John C. Haswell up to this date \$1.75 made it up to \$3.76. On my part there were 4 bbls cider deliv'd in Oct. 1831, \$4. - then 23-3/16 lbs cheese deliv'd Sept 10, \$1.64 - add fraction due on bbl of cider July 22 0/9 - made up my side to \$5.77" - Bal. due me \$2.01 Told him I expected to lose the Col's debt - He appeared much at a loss to acc't for my making entry of the settlement of Dec. 17 1830 in the manner I did which may be fully explained by turning to Journ'l of that date - he desired me to see how it was there and let him know on a future day - which I engaged to do. Laid my course for E. village - but before quitting the place afores'd would say took John C. Haswell's Receipt for payment of 1 y'rs paper ending first of the pres't month. Saw Col. M. in the office who appeared greatly cast down - liberties almost given up. J.C. Haswell spoke up sharply that he did not like such Prophets - believed we should all go safely through. Near the meeting house E. Lyon accepted of a seat in my waggon - conversed with him a good deal on lumber - said he would deliver good spruce boards at \$8 - hemlock at \$6 - 1/2 inch do at \$5.50 - furnish good shingles at \$2. Engaged to call at our house for his bill - Never had but one price as high to one as to another. He alighted in the village. I called on & effected a very pleas't settlement with my friend Henry Norton - Blacksmithing \$10.01 - H. Harwood's \$18.72 - balanced by his paying \$8.71 in money. His mother, wife & children were present - the little girl teased for candy - Departed for Voluntine's - Mr V. had been sick - loose coats to be coloured next week - conversed with him a good while on the Tariff, which if abandoned, would be worse than if it had never been altered from what it was in 1816. Next called on Aus. Booth & Co and paid 38 cts in full - had rec't entered in the hand book - Rec'd in vitation to trade - did not see cause for beginning this day - Stephen Germond bo't nearly the last 2 lbs coffee in the store - Made settlem't with Tho's Davis whose charges for cutting garments amounted to \$1.40 - which with 3 dollars in money was endorsed on \$18 note given Nov 10 - Came up to S. & Brown's store but before telling of that ought to say that Davis had had so much of Manchester as to sicken him most miserably - nevertheless he was fastened - was my bird - could not get away. At S & B's enclosed in a letter to Jared Dewey - which I wrote there in the usual familiar way \$25 in a 20 & 5 dollar bill bank notes against Bennington B'k. S.H. Brown superscribed & Steuben Southworth put it in the office - Directed to Nicholsville, N.Y. Got home early in the evening.



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Jan 2d contin'd - Gave 30 cts for Walton's Vt Reg. 1832 & 1833 at Sanf'd & Brown's - discovdred in the latter the omission of officers, physicians &c for the town of Bennington - after bringing it home.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 3d Rained much in the morning - foggy, cldy & muddy all day. Threshing oats by father & G.P. was pursued at the barn. I early paid my respects to our neighbor Sam. H. Brown with whom had a very amicable settlement of acc'ts in full up to this date - Balance in my favor in a/c - \$1.52 which was added to am't of damage done to corn by cattle in Aug. 1831 - called equal to interest on \$40 note given Dec. 13 1831 - left due him \$38.48" which I paid with the exception of 11 cts for want of change - Shewed me his new parlour and other improvements - very sociable - Mrs B. invited me to stay to breakfast - but I declined - Left in the care of Sam'l H. to be forwarded the first safe opportunity - a letter to O. & A. Arnold, Troy, N. Y. enclosing \$30 Bennington money - 2 tens & 2 fives. The day was occupied in looking over & assorting a lot of old notes, receipts & store bills - copies of old acc'ts &c - Could not find bill of timber lent to H. Waters' in May 1831 or in Ap'l & May - to him & to Ben R. Sears - See Cid. House bill - and Ap'l 23d & May 19. Mr Wight attended to his classical studies & gave Rollins a hard pull - South Carolina had to take it also - having himself perused our papers of Maj. L. Esq. Mr Southworth of the firm of Southworth & Brown called on us & made final settlement for cheese. Am't of bill \$575.21 from which deduction of \$1.21 for over rate of 20 lbs. Rec'd paym't in full \$174.00 He offered, after seeing it in the cupboard, to buy our late made cheese, 1000 lbs delivered in casks at the 4 Corners at \$6.25 pr hund. - gave me 10 days to think of it. Cous. N.L. Rob. came in about the time Mr S. did & while we were talking of the deduction afores'd, made some pretty harsh remarks - mainly to raise doubts as to the fairness of the transaction - which nettled our mercentile friend considerably - It all however was quickly blown over - no damage done. Cous. N. paid a quantity of buck wheat borrowed - and again borrowed 33½ feet thin basswood boards - and after a short visit took leave - taking cous. Marg't along with him.

FRIDAY, JAN'Y 4 Unusually mild, surface of the earth competely thawed up - great resemblance in point of weather to April - very unpleas't travelling, cldy, foggy. Father, G.P. Harw'd & fr'd W't were in woods getting together timber for hewing & wood for fuel. My time was sp't in preparation for conveying wife to uncle S. Rob's & grist of provender to Walbridge's mill - all which was happily accomplished without failure. While Mr Abbott milled for me - visited Hinsdill's & Swift's store - H & S absent to Friday meeting which this day from what I saw must have been very numerously - Mr Wight attended said meeting

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attended. Few persons were at said store. Looked at books - saw Goddard's Bennett's Systems of Book-keeping - copies of Quarto & Oct. Bibles with plates - Whipple's Compend., Belknap's Hist. New Hampshire &c &c. Returned to our uncles - took supper - saw cous. N.L. also cous Edwin. Aunt S. made remarks on Northern Lights, Astronomy &c - said sh she had studied upon these things a great deal - Uncle S. helped her



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out with the sentence by adding by adding she had studied Astonishment a great deal - which made no small innocent sport for us. Joined by cous. M. we came away in good season & through a sea of mud resched home in safety. The geese, numbering 18, were this day sold to Benj R. Sears and delivered over, by his verbal order, to Joseph Nelson, who took them away - charged at 50" a pair. Southern Politicks engaged us at night

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 5 Continued warm - Rainy early in the day. Considered by people in general as singular weather - Oats all threshed out winnowed and measured - not much short of 45 bbls - Miss Lydia Harwood arrived from the house of H.Waters to take up her abode at this Ancient Castle. Miss Adeline came also. Mr Wight pursued his studies & Hist'l Reading - At night read more of Southern Politicks which I must say in Virginia are what I dislike. The Boston & N.Y. Resolutions were excellent. Let the President's Proclamation be supported at all events - The South is wrong. Hiram Waters signed note to me for \$27 now handed over & ~~\$44~~ \$4.00 deliv'd 8th Dec 1832 - signed note due 1 day from date for \$31.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 6 Continued much the same - there were showers of rain - no want of fog nor clouds - Prospect of colder weather late in the day. On Sat. eve. did not stable cows - so mild was the weather. On the 5th Mother was 67 years of age - born in the year 1766. Had so little to write that much of my time was improved in reading good books. The females of the house, with the exception of mother, all turned out to church. G.P. with our fr'd Wight were there. In the eve'g the latter read a chapt'r in the New Testament and prayed with us. Found bill in part of H.Waters' timber.

MONDAY, JAN'Y 7 Grew interish again - very chilly - kept freezing - cldy - trees powdered high on mountains - brisk N. wind. Up unusually early - Mrs H. lively at washing - boys up reading B.R.Sears came on in great season to hew ~~w/x~~ timber in the woods where joined by father, G. & Mr Wight he accomplished common wonders - W't very tired at night. Mr Sears this morning estimated quantity of spruce boards on h'd at 12 hund. ft. Made up bill of lumber to be furnished by E.Lyon of Woodford, amt'g to \$106. Sent children off to school in waggon - after long time followed in order to transact some business in Street & return with the same. Met Dr Swift near Sam H.B's

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(horse barn) and informed him of having money which I would let about 60 days - said he knew of persons enough that wanted it, but no dependence could be placed on their punctuality, better to keep the money safely idle than so. Mentioned having purchased Bank shares - would take my money to apply thereon if he could not collect in sufficient to meet them in which case he would allow interest, but if the other way - should allow me none. He rode off tow'd Pow'l & I walked to town Visited Sanford & Brown's store - heard lawyer Squires & Mr Kellogg talk of Law - presently Maj Bates of Pownal came in - followed soon by his hound - then hunting stories were reeled off pretty freely - Bo't 1 lb coffee for which & little job at tin shop pd 19 cts & also paid the fraction due S.H.B. on settlement 3d inst. Left & went over to Dr N.Swift's and there left with the Dr's lady - deposited in the right



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upper drawer of the secretary \$170 in Bennington money. Spent some ~~time~~ time in looking over & slightly reading some passages of Cyclopoedia - Went for the P.O. - friend Southworth informed me that as far as known Mr Hall had obtained his election for Hunt's Vacancy - and was ab't 60 votes ahead for 23d Cong. At P.O. staid some time hearing remarks on Tariff, S.Carolina &c. from Truman Squires, Mr Amidon, capt. H.Robinson, R. Carpenter and Capt. Hicks. Mr S. read some letters recently from persons at Charleston, S.C. which gave a melancholy account of the situation of the people there who were almost ready to cut each other's throats. They mentioned that the Bishop of Vermont, an accomplished Orator, was expected to preach here on Friday next. Left - took new stand just finished by our friend Coffin - at \$2.50 - came to H.Waters' waited awhile for the return of Mr Chapin with my team from carrying home old Mr Roach & lady whose portraits he was painting - these I saw and very true I should pronounce them - heard a half earnest request from the painter to have paintings of our family taken - to which I gave negative replies - came home - assisted in the usual rounds - perused N.Y. Spect. in the eve'g - Cong. proceedings chiefly. Wrote Jour'l last before going to bed -  $\frac{1}{2}$  past ten.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 8 Roughly frozen in the morning - turned out however to be moderate and thawy - no cows stabled at night with a single exception. Benj'n R. Sears continued hewing timber - scorers B. Harwood, G.P.Harw'd & J.A.Wight - I was up with oxen - picked up and drew home 2 l'ds wood - foddered creatures, & assisted by fr'd W had 1 l's oats bro't to the shed from the barn - Wife, cous. Marg't & self vis. H.Waters' & Mr Coffins' - former place saw hired girl, latter

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place young female babe 11 days old - named "Sophia". Among their books was Voltaire's Chas. 12th. Our cousin Mrs Waters had care of her grand-daughter. Miss S. Mather & a female friend came in - much kissing & incessant conversation ensued - Played flute stoutly at H.Waters' Came home late in the evening. Boys, that is Benjamin & G.P. had butchered 4 hens during our absence. Mr Wight attended singing school among the rest - Hopkins was there.

WEDNESDAY, JAN'Y 9 Continued open, moderate & pleas't. Same hands - same employ'm't - very fine for getting out timber. I got home I l'd wood - Omitted stabling cows - fodd'd at stack. Mr Wight found time to pursue his studies notwithstanding the scoring business at which he was very good.

THURSDAY, JAN'Y 10 Not much alteration in the weather until late P.M. when black clds arose in the N. & W. - Wind commenced blowing in the same direction - in the evening a little snow was ~~scattered~~ scattered over the country - cold increased rapidly. Benjamin R.Sears continued hewing timber - procured a fine black oak sill 40 ft long from a tree which stood 15 or 20 rods S.E. of the Gulph Spring. Mr Wight laid his course for Shaftsbury with his 3 V's of Rollin under his arm. Stabled cows in the evening - Benjamin very generously rendered assistance thereat. Mrs Pat. Waters paid respects here this P.M. Friend Coffin came down abd waited upon her home - in waggon.



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FRIDAY, JAN'Y 11 Opened upon us very fair & piercingly cold. The NW wind blew stoutly - Cold increased until past noon Cold day known the present season. Hewing was continued until midday when it was abandoned on account severity of weather - father was of the party - quitted only a short time previous to the final evacuation of the field - I had arrived with provision 7 fire - but to little purpose as it turned. Oats, say 44 bhls, were drawn up into shed loft & binn'd. Benjamin cleared for home - having done us  $4\frac{1}{2}$  days good work.

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 12 Not so severe as on the 11th - contin'd decidedly cold with w'd & fly'g clds from N.W. Benjamin Harwood the eldest son of Bennington this day entered his 72d year in the full enjoyment of mental faculties & a tolerable degree of bodily health. Assisted G.P. Harwood at threshing out & winnowing 9 bhls good wint. wheat. I was off on business. Made short call at the office of H. Hall. That gentleman appeared to be busy with Southworth in arranging his affairs for his departure to Congress - Saw a book entitled something like the "The Last Day's of a Philosopher" - London 1830 - By Sir H. Davy who died in Geneva, Swits'd late in the year 1829 - On Immortality of the Soul &c.

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Made next call at the P.O. where saw Capt D. Robinson Jr - col O.C. Merrill and others not recollected - proceeded forward to Love's - enquired of J. Loomis Jr for Joel R. Thomas - had seen him only a short time since - presumed he had gone home - contin'd onward to S. Robinson's S'rs - father & son winnowing grain through fanning mill. Made arrangements, with all necessary "ifs" for going to Troy on Wednesday the 16th Aunt Sarah very lame by reason of bad cold. Still forward I pressed to the house of s'd Joel R. or that of his father - saw the latter with whom conversed a few moments on the unhappy result of the shoat speculation - said his son had gone to Woodford on business - could not say which route he would take on his return. The partner & I suppose a sister of J.R. were present - My course was laid for E. Village - first across lots and then by new road - when arrived there learned that my friend had been seen a short time before going W. - so I gave up the chase as hopeless - Went to J. Volentine's - rec'd great coats colored paid for the same \$1.50 Came to Aust. B. & Co's - opened new account by purchasing new hair combs & 1 qr writing paper - in am't 24 cts. Jabez Knapp was explaining to wid. Eldad Dewey the proper value of her landed estate in Woodford. Or W. Dan's came in & after getting what he wanted was ready to go home - I accomp'd him as far as the meeting house or indeed to S. & Brown's store - during the ride - told me of his swapping off the brown mare which he rec'd of us in 1830 for a creature owned by Henry C. Germond which he again exchanged for L. Norton's blue horse - leaving him in possession of far the best end of the bargain. Said he should pay up the cow note punctually by the time it would be due. At the store of B. & Co. wrote letter to Elisha Lyon Esq inviting him to call on us for our bill of lumber - enclosed therein his note of July 4 which was paid Oct 10 - lodged the same in the P.O. where saw S.D. Walbridge to whom gave an acc't of his cow which he sold to me 22d or 23rd March last. He satisfied me that he was fair and honorable in the transaction. Came to H. Waters's - looked over old papers - supped with family - Willard Green & Sam Fay inclusive - Came



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home after dark - found S.W. Dan's here cracking butternuts. He afterwards having business for Norton's at the P.O. marched off forthwith - returned shortly with letters from Cambridge & Troy, N.Y. and \$12.85 money left by Joel R. Thomas for me at H. Waters', being in full for live shoats - See Dec. 7 & 16.

SUNDAY, JAN'Y 13 Cold & cldy - w'd S.W. Cous. Marg't and Adeline rode to meeting with S.W. Dan's - attended P.M. only  
Maj L. Norton sent me 3 papers of late date - Dec 31 - Jan'y 3d & 7th - wrote Jour'l. Sam'l Fay came here in the evening.

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MONDAY, JAN'Y 14 It was cold in the morning, but calm - this was succeeded by a tremendous gale from N.W. which from 10 A.M. to a late hour P.M. increased in volume and violence - in the eve' it gradually calmed away leaving a cloudless sky - cold & freezing - One hund'd sheaves wheat thrashed by B. Harwood. Ten sled loads drawn from the rocks to near the barn for new barn foundation by G.P. & self. My bill of lumber prepared for E. Lyon, a copy of which is preserved, am'td to \$103.47.

TUESDAY, JAN'Y 15 Fair & cold during the morning, soon clds & wind arose from S. which amounted to another gale - but not so high as on the 14th - Snowed slightly in the eve'g under a heavy press of wind - very cold. Threshing wh't contin'd by father - ten lds stone drawn by Geo. P. & self - the former complained of the severity of the weather - Mr Wight in the eve'g arrived from his visit to friends in Shaftsbury - having with him 3 more Volumes of Rollin - Had not yet read Gov. Haynes last Procla

















